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ANOTHER GREAT LOSS. DEATH OF SIR CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.

"A PRINCE OF CHARITY"

Hongkong has suffered another great loss, Sir Paul Chater, the "prince of charity," passing away this morning at five o'clock after an illness lasting about two months.

With Lady Chater, who is at present in the Colony, and his nephew, Mr. J. T. Bagram, and other relatives the utmost sympathy will be felt.

There will be a service in St. John's Cathedral this afternoon at 4.45, and the cortege will pass the Monument at 5.30.

On Sunday a public memorial service will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

As a mark of respect, the Hongkong Stock Exchange is closed to-day.

A SELF-MADE MAN.

Sir Catchick Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G., LL.D., was born in Calcutta on September 8, 1846; the youngest of a family of thirteen. His father was employed in Government service.

When Sir Paul was only nine years of age, he lost both his father and mother within a few months of each other. There was no pension attached to his father's post, so that the family found themselves in very poor circumstances. Through the kindly influence of the family physician, however, Paul Chater was enabled to enter La Martiniere School, Calcutta, as a foundation. At his books and in the realm of sport, the lad soon showed what he was made of.



He became a prefect and captain of the Cricket XI, besides passing the special examination for the Indian Survey Department. However, he never entered the Survey Department, as one of his sisters persuaded him to try his luck in Hongkong, where he found a home with another sister, the mother of Dr. Jordan.

The journey from India, on a sailing ship with auxiliary steam power, took three months owing to the propeller being put out of order during a storm.

When the vessel reached Singapore, young Chater and a friend went in search of fresh fruits and finding themselves in a pine-apple plantation—where Tanglin Barracks now stand—the two lads sat down and enjoyed a free feast until discovered by the Chinese owner, who, however, was easily pacified with a few cents.

First Position Here.

Soon after his arrival in this Colony on April 1, 1864, young Chater obtained a position, on probation, in the Bank of Hindostan on a salary of \$50 a month. Young Chater's luggage consisted of a chest of drawers, which was up to the last among his most cherished possessions at his home, Marble Hall, in Conduit Road. Young Chater lived with his sister and brother-in-law until they left the Colony toward the end of 1864. His salary was then increased to \$100, and he moved into a cheap boarding house in Wyndham Street.

Opportunity Knocks.

Young Chater's chief task at the Bank of Hindostan was the writing up of the clients' pass-books. The bank's clients, especially the Sassoons, were won by his frank and willing ways, and he soon made many friends. One day he plucked up the courage to ask the head of Sassoon's whether they would help him if he started as an exchange broker. The reply being in the affirmative, Paul Chater tendered his resignation, which was accepted on the condition that he gave so many hours a day to show his successor at the

bank the ropes. With Mr. Sassoon's help, Paul Chater started auspiciously and cleared \$600 in the first month as a broker.

Great Foresight.

From his early days, Paul Chater had far-seeing ideas of the possibilities of Hongkong as a leading port. He used to spend evening after evening in a sampan after dusk, ostensibly fishing. He was actually taking soundings on the Kowloon side of the harbour with a view to finding deep water, where ocean-going steamers could go alongside without fear of running aground, as was so frequently the case when ships came alongside at West Point in those days. Finally his efforts were rewarded, as a result of which the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company was formed by the Sassoon's, Jardine and Chater.

Not All Winners.

"Not all Sir Paul's investments proved such money-makers, however." At one time he and the late Sir Hormusjee Mody stood to lose between £70,000 and £80,000 in the Charbonnages anthracite coalmine in Tonkin through gross mismanagement at the mine.

Paul Chater saw that the only chance of salvation was an appeal to the French Government and financiers. He hastened to Paris and was successful in his mission—to-day the concern is a very paying one. This was in 1892, and his action won him a membership of the Legion d'Honneur.

A four-mill at Junk Bay was another venture in which Mody and Chater "struck a snag." On that occasion they had to cut their losses, which are known to have been very heavy.

The New Territory always had a great attraction for Sir Paul, but though he spent many thousands of pounds prospecting for minerals he met with no success. He founded the Hongkong Iron Mining Co. to prospect a property in the New Territory, but little, if any, development work was done.

Charitable Gifts.

Sir Paul was ever ready to help any deserving cause, and a complete list of his charitable gifts would form a lengthy document. Among the largest were gifts of \$50,000 for the endowment of the Seamen's Institute, \$25,000 each to St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, and St. John's Cathedral. On the eve of his sailing for Home on May 4 last year he made a gift of \$250,000 to the University of Hongkong.

His Public Life.

In 1876, Sir Paul Chater, was made a Justice of the Peace for the Colony. Ten years later, he was elected by his brother Justices as their representative in the Legislative Council and was re-elected on three occasions for terms of six years. Since 1896, Sir Paul had been a member of the Executive Council. In 1897, Queen Victoria awarded him the C.M.G. In 1902 he was made a Knight Bachelor. Ever a devout Freemason, Sir Paul was installed District Grand Master (English Constitution) of Hongkong and South China in 1882 and continued in office until 1910. He was a member of the Constitutional Club, London, and the Royal Thames Yacht Club. Sir Paul was a director of over twenty public companies in Hongkong. The leading part he played in the business and social life of the Colony is well demonstrated below.

Financier: principal, Chater and Mody; unofficial Justice of Peace; Consul-General for Siam; director, Star Ferry Co., Ltd.; committee member, Diocesan

TEACHER'S PAY.

R. C. PRIEST'S ACTION FAILS

ECHO OF "STRIKE"

Arising out of the situation eleven months ago when local schools had to shut down temporarily because of the "strike," a case was heard at the Supreme Court this morning, in which a teacher failed in an action brought by him to recover salary alleged to be due under contract.

The Rev. Father, D. Augusto Goncalves, sued the Yeh Yeh College for \$1,000. The claim was really for \$2,220—alleged balance of salary due under a three years' teaching contract—but \$1,220 was waived to bring the case within the jurisdiction of the Summary Court.

For the defence, Mr. D. L. Strellett represented that when the College was closed last year, the headmaster called a meeting of the staff at which he announced that pay would be given for July, 1925, and that the teachers of that time would be re-engaged, as far as possible, when the school reopened.

Mr. Justice J. R. Wood (Puisne Judge) said there was no contract. Even if there had been, plaintiff had agreed to its being cancelled, by his accepting a consideration (the July pay) on June 27.

Mr. G. R. Hayward (for the plaintiff) submitted that a written contract could not be cancelled verbally.

His Lordship, however, gave judgment for the defendant school, with costs.

HOTEL THEFT.

FITTINGS REMOVED DURING DEMOLITION.

TWO COOLIES CAUGHT.

Two coolies engaged in the work of demolition of that part of the Hongkong Hotel destroyed by fire were charged at the Central Magistracy this morning with the larceny of hinges, wire and sundry material, the property of the Hongkong Excavation, Pile Driving and Construction Company.

The stolen goods were smuggled out of the building, but the men were caught by a detective. The Magistrate sentenced each of the defendants to two weeks' hard labour.

INTERPORT CRICKET.

HONGKONG TEAM ARRIVES ALL WELL

FIRST MATCH TO-MORROW.

The Secretary of the Hongkong Cricket Club has courteously informed us that he has received a cable signed by Mr. R. Hancock, which reads: Team all well. Start Malaya match to-morrow and the F.M.S. match, at Kuala Lumpur, on Tuesday.

Boys' School; Vice-Chairman, Licensing Board; member, Consulting Committee, Canton Insurance Office; Ltd.; committee member, City Hall; steward, Hongkong Jockey Club; director, Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.; member, Consulting Committee, China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.; member, Consulting Committee, China Light and Power Co., Ltd.; director, Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.; member, Consulting Committee, Hongkong Fire Assurance Co., Ltd.; director, Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.; director, Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.; director, Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd.; director, Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Co., Ltd.; director, Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.; director, Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd.; director, Hongkong and Kowloon Co., Ltd.; vice-chairman, Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.; member, of Vestry of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon; patron, St. Andrew's Young Men's Club; in addition to high Masonic ranks, such as Past District Grand Master of Hongkong and South China, Past Grand Superintendent of District Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Hongkong and South China, Prior of Provincial Priory of China, and a member of the 33rd Degree, etc.

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OUR FIRE BRIGADE.

IMPROVEMENT OF FIRE FIGHTING ORGANISATION.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

The report of the committee appointed to consider suggestions for the improvement of the fire fighting organisation of the Colony was laid before the Legislative Council by command of His Excellency the Governor on May 27.

The committee have considered the recommendations of the chief officer of the Fire Brigade submitted to them by the Government and have the honour to present their report upon those steps to improve the fire fighting organisation of the Colony which in their opinion should be undertaken. They would however point out that the time at their disposal precluded in most cases an exhaustive examination of minute detail. This report refers solely to urban and sub-urban districts, and does not consider the rural districts, such as Repulse Bay, although in such localities fire fighting organisation must receive consideration in the future.

The subject appears to fall into four broad sections—Personnel, Equipment, Construction, and Legislation—but, as all these points are to a large extent interdependent, in any new measure of improvement, the closest correlation must be maintained between the various branches of work.

Personnel.

The committee are of the opinion that the most vital requirements to be served and the most immediate measures to be taken are in connection with Personnel. In their opinion an immediate increase is desirable both of European and Chinese staff, as at present not only are the conditions of service rendered too irksome by the shortage, but a great deal of really necessary work cannot be carried out at all.

As regards the European contingent, and herein the recommendations only consider the existence of appliances and accommodation at present available, the committee advise the further engagements of 1 inspection officer, at an initial salary of \$320 and 3 sub-officers at an initial salary of \$220. As soon as accommodation is available, yet, another additional officer should be engaged—if possible, a retired Naval rating—whose duties should be primarily on the fire floats.

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Reports of tributes paid, at today's meeting of the Legislative Council, to Sir Paul Chater and Mr. P. H. Holyoak, will be found on page 4.

STILL SQUALLY!

The forecast for the twenty-four hours ending noon to-morrow shows: South-east winds, moderate, overcast, some rain. The rainfall for the 24 hours ending 10 a.m. to-day was 27 inch. Total since January 1, 30.31 inches against an average of 21.38.

The Observatory's report this morning states that pressure is higher over the eastern portion of the map. It has decreased moderately over the lower Yangtze Valley, Formosa and North East Japan, and slightly along the South Eastern coast of China. It is nearly stationary elsewhere.

HEROIN SEIZURE.

A charge of possession of heroin was preferred against an American named J. W. de Meit, at present an inmate in the hospital, before Mr. E. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

In reply to a question by His Worship, the prosecution said there was no evidence of a deal in drugs, but that the quantity found on the defendant was larger than that allowed.

The case was remanded until Monday, bail being granted on \$100.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/2 13/16.

CANTON PERTURBED.

DEFEAT OF GENERAL TONG'S ARMY.

A BIG DESERTION.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, May 25.

Daily the military news—from the northern front—becomes more disquieting, as the extent of the defeat of General Tong Shang-chi's Eighth Army is fully recognised.

To-day news came from Chuan Chau, where the defeated army is awaiting reinforcements, that General Ho Lu-tao has gone over to the Wu Pei-fu forces, joining Yip Hoi-yun, and taking with him in his treasonable desertion most of the Ninth Army of the Nationalist Government, and all supplies for his force of 5,000 men.

This first big desertion is having a worse effect, psychologically than its military importance warrants. The depressive nature of the news of Ho Lu-tao's defection to the enemy is heightened by news from Wuchow to the effect that the allegiance of General Wong Shih-hung and General Li Chung-yun is open to question.

Rumour has it that these two commanders of Kwangsi are merely shifting their troops to the border to keep Hunan troops out of Kwangsi, and that they have a secret understanding to go over to Wu Pei-fu as soon as the Nationalist Government troops suffer a really major set-back.

Wuchow Disturbed.

Meanwhile Wuchow is disturbed because all troops from the West River are being shifted to the Kwangsi-Hunan border, and unless new protection is furnished the Wuchow-Nanning traffic and trade will come to a standstill because pirates will be in absolute control of the river.

Three thousand Kwangsi troops have just passed through Pingnan bound for Kweilin, and all junks and motor boats in the river around Wuchow are being confiscated for military use.

The anti-Christian movement in the interior is growing so intense and bitter that all Alliance missionaries from Kweilin, Liueh-wu, and Sunchow are evacuating the territory and leaving quietly for Hongkong.

Possible Counter-Stroke.

Late to-day there were street rumours in Canton that General Tong Shang-chi had surrendered entirely and given Chun Chau to the enemy, but this has no confirmation in official quarters, and is subject to doubt. Unquestionably Wu Pei-fu's forces are now within 80 English miles of the Kwangtung border, but forces are being rallied for a counter-stroke.

Chang Fat-foi, commander of the twelfth division of the Fourth Army, has reached here from Hoi Kow with 4,000 rifles for the Fourth Army, and these, with munitions, are being dispatched to Shu-kwan. Ching Chin's troops are near the city, being camped at Shek-kai, about four miles out on the Canton-Kowloon railway, and will be sent north to-morrow.

Part of the First and Fourth Armies, jointly under the control of General Chen Ming-shu, have reached Shu-kwan and are proceeding north by forced marches. Lau Man-to, the local representative of Tong Shang-chi, and newly appointed Chairman of the Political Department of the Eighth Army, will start for the north to-morrow, with reinforcements, unless confirmation arrives of Tong Shang-chi's rumoured surrender.

Gambling Monopoly.

"Owing to the need for cash for the Northern Expedition," as the announcement reads, the gambling monopoly for the city of Canton has been given to General Chang Kai-shek's young brother under terms which will bring \$12,000 daily into the military coffers. The Men Fung Lung Coal Company of Honam is named as guarantor for the young man who is to hold the concession. It is understood that the monopoly will be "farmed out" in the form of concessions for certain parts of the city.

In this connection it is noteworthy that in the past the Ministry of Finance has several times urged the re-opening of gambling in Canton, but that he has always been opposed by General Chang Kai-shek. Under the new arrangement it is believed that the income will go directly into military coffers, and not through the Ministry of Finance.

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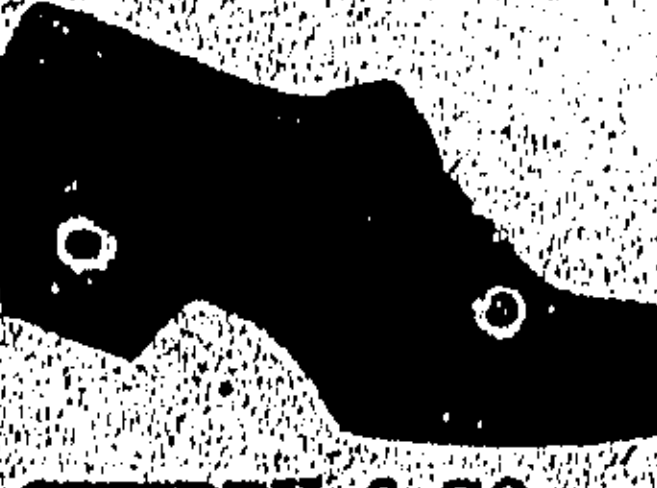
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FLOWING LAVA.

GRIM DETAILS OF JAPAN'S CALAMITY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, May 25.
Warned by preliminary rumblings, many escaped before the eruption and the flood several hours later, many farmers working in the fields were saved, but lost whole families in the villages, and are denuded by their loss.

The train from Asahi Gawa, warned by rumblings, turned back, and thereby saved itself from being engulfed by the flowing lava.

Though the flood rushed down at a furious speed on the village of Bick, an embankment near its entrance checked the water, and most inhabitants were able to escape.

It is reported that at Kamitani about 200 villagers were washed away, and it is feared that the Abayama Spa is a total loss, though no definite news is yet available.

It is reported that many bodies are floating down the Fuma River, which has overflowed its banks, adding misery to the situation, whilst considerable anxiety is felt regarding the mining villages connected with the Miyama Sulphur Mining Company.

A relief corps, including doctors and nurses, an infantry detachment, and ex-servicemen, were rushed to the scene from Asahi Gawa as soon as news of the catastrophe was learned, but the work is severely hampered by the condition of the countryside as a result of the flood, whilst several feet of lava covering the railway tracks prevented the train from reaching Bick, though everything possible is being done to help the injured and the thousands of homeless.

Later.

The Governor of Hokkaido has reported that 100 are dead and over 200 injured. A thousand people are missing.

Later.

Latest reports from Hokkaido state that 144 bodies have been recovered. It is estimated that two million yen damage has been done. Rescue work is hampered by a thick mist. The volcano is still emitting ashes intermittently, and a further eruption is feared.

NO DICTATORSHIP.

STORY OF HOW POLAND ESCAPED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Warsaw, May 26.

How Poland escaped a dictatorship is explained by General Pilsudski who in an interview with Reuter said: "For six months I was vainly striving for the execution of moral and political reforms in Poland, and particularly the Army. What particularly annoyed me was the impunity enjoyed by the new rich. This decided me to act, but only against the Government, not against the President."

General Pilsudski regretted the President's refusal to treat with him, and the failure of his attempts at mediation. He spoke of his final victory, and said he did not desire a dictatorship, which would throw the whole burden of affairs on one man which would mean arduous daily toil to accomplish the many necessary reforms to the State. He said he was proud to have accomplished something unique—carrying out the coup d'état, which he immediately legalised as a sort of revolution without revolutionary results. Pilsudski evaded the question whether he would accept the Presidency, and said he was awaiting the nomination of a number of candidates, whom he would afterwards summon to his house and demand a joint undertaking that they would have no connection with political parties, banks, business groups or similar interests.

SAVING THE FRANC.

NEW MEASURE AGAINST EXPORTERS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, May 26.

The Government has taken a further step in the direction of tightening up measures to protect the franc. From June 3 exporters will be obliged to make a monthly declaration showing they have repatriated within three months sums received from abroad for their products. The penalty will be fines and imprisonment.

BOXER FUNDS.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO BE APPOINTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Pleasant, May 25.

The Boxer Commission has issued a communiqué stating that Sir Austen Chamberlain has authorized Lord Willingdon to announce his consent to the principle that a Board of Trustees be established in China, to whom the control and administration fund will be entrusted. The Advisory Committee will thereupon be dissolved.

The Board will have complete power to apply the fund to educational or other purposes and make investments for the perpetuation of the fund, and will annually report receipts and expenditure to the British and Chinese Governments.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, while desirous of further demonstrating British goodwill, emphasises that the change makes an amendment to the Indemnity Act and the approval of Parliament necessary, which he will do his utmost to secure.

RESERVOIR BURSTS.

HALF OF JAPANESE TOWN SWEEP AWAY.

(Reuter's Agency.)

Tokyo, May 26.

A report from Akita states that this afternoon, with a tremendous rain, the Miyama Irrigation Reservoir in Akita Prefecture, Northern Japan, burst its banks, sweeping away half the town of Kikuna, including the Post Office, bank, theatre and other buildings. Details of the casualties are not yet available, but it is feared they are heavy. The population numbered 7,000.

Later.

A semi-official report received in Tokyo states that about 400 are believed to have been killed, but accurate details are not obtainable, owing to the interruption of communication.

Seventeen bodies have been recovered and it is feared many were injured. Eighty buildings were completely washed away, including the Town Hall.

COUNCIL MEETING.

"LEGISLATIVE" AGENDA TO-DAY.

The Legislative Council met at 2.30 to-day.

The business included the report of the Finance Committee.

The Colonial Secretary proposed the following resolution:—Resolved by the Legislative Council that in respect of Chinese Restaurant Licences for the year 1926 only, the following Schedule of fees is substituted for the Schedule of fees contained in the Second Schedule to the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1917, under the heading "Chinese Restaurant Licence" on page 1901 of Volume IV of the Ordinances of Hongkong, 1841-1923:

Chinese Restaurant licence:—
Licence for a period of three months.
When the valuation of the premises occupied is:—
Under \$500 \$62.50
\$500 or over, but under \$2,000 125.00
\$2,000 or over, but under \$5,000 250.00
\$5,000 or over, but under \$10,000 500.00
\$10,000 or over 750.00
Payable in advance.

Resolved further that in respect of Chinese Restaurant Licences for the year 1927 and subsequent years, the Schedule of fees now appearing on page 1901 of Volume IV of the Ordinances of Hongkong, 1841-1923, shall be of full force and effect.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.
The Orders of the Day included the first reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to authorise the Bank of Canton Limited to convert its gold capital into silver; and the second reading of the Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the law relating to the Post Office.

PROPERTY AUCTION.

At the China Auction Rooms, No. 15, Granville Road, Kowloon, was sold by auction.

The annual Crown rent is \$12.75, and the area about 2,699 square feet.

The upset price was \$15,000, with bids of \$100 acceptable. The property was knocked down to Mr. Leung Kai-sung, of Macao, for \$15,200.

The Manila All-Star Vedavil Co. gave their last show at the "Star" last night and leave for Shanghai.

LOCAL WEDDING.

YESTERDAY'S CATHEDRAL FUNCTION.

ADSHAD—ORME.

St. John's Cathedral was the scene of a pretty wedding yesterday afternoon when the contracting parties were Geoffrey Palmer Adshad, Surgeon Commander R.N., and Olive May Orme of the Education Department.

The bride wore a draped gown of white satin, with long sleeves, embroidered with beads and pearl trimmings. She had a long white veil forming a train, with coronet trimmings of orange blossom, and carried a sheaf of Madonna lilies.

Miss Alice Brennan, also of the Education Department, was bridesmaid. Her dress was of old rose tulle, bound with silver and trimmed with silver and tulle roses and she carried a bouquet of pink roses.

The matron of honour, Mrs. J. A. Plummer, was attired in a dress of coffee coloured georgette.

Mr. J. A. Plummer gave the bride away, and Captain R. G. Sturges, R.N., was "best man."

The reception was held at No. 515, the Peak (the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Plummer). The honeymoon is being spent in Japan, Canada and England. The bride's travelling dress was of silver grey georgette trimmed with blue, with a hat to match.

Among the guests noticed present were:—Vice-Admiral Sir Edwin Alexander-Sinclair; Mr. A. E. Wood (Director of Education); Commodore and Mrs. A. J. B. Stirling, R.N.; Surgeon-Captain and Mrs. Chatter; Professor and Mrs. J. H. Shellshear; Dr. and Mrs. Moore; Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Goldsmith; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. H. Reavis, Captain Steele, A.D.C., and Mr. H. B. L. Dowling.

PETTY TYRANNY.

HOTEL-KEEPER VICTIMISED BY CHINESE OFFICER.

Peking, May 24.—A story of petty military tyranny is carried by the "Shun Tien Shih Pao" this morning. It appears that an officer named Pi has lived in a large Chinese hotel for many days with his family and twenty or so bodyguards. He has not paid one cent to the proprietor during his stay.

On Sunday, according to the "Shun Tien Shih Pao," the officer complained to the proprietor that more than \$3,000 worth of valuables and money had been stolen from him. He demanded that his loss be made good by the scared hotel-keeper under threat of handing him over to a military court.

The story goes that General Chang Tsung-chang came to visit friends there and kneeling before him the proprietor told his tale of woe. The General's subordinate assured him that the officer in question was not serving under him and might perhaps belong to one of the other armies here. General Chang is said to have advised the hotel man not to worry about it any more.

However, the tyrannical officer reported his alleged loss to the police and demanded that unless it was made good the hotel-keeper be arrested after three days, or else he would take steps to have him brought before a martial court.

The story concludes with the pertinent remark that it is not seen how a thief could get near enough to the officer to rob him since he is surrounded by so many bodyguards.—"Chung Mei."



DUKE OF ORLEANS.

The Duke of Orleans, who would have been King Philip VII had France retained the monarchical form of government, died in Palermo, Italy, after a lingering illness.

KING'S BIRTHDAY.

GARRISON PARADE CHANGE.

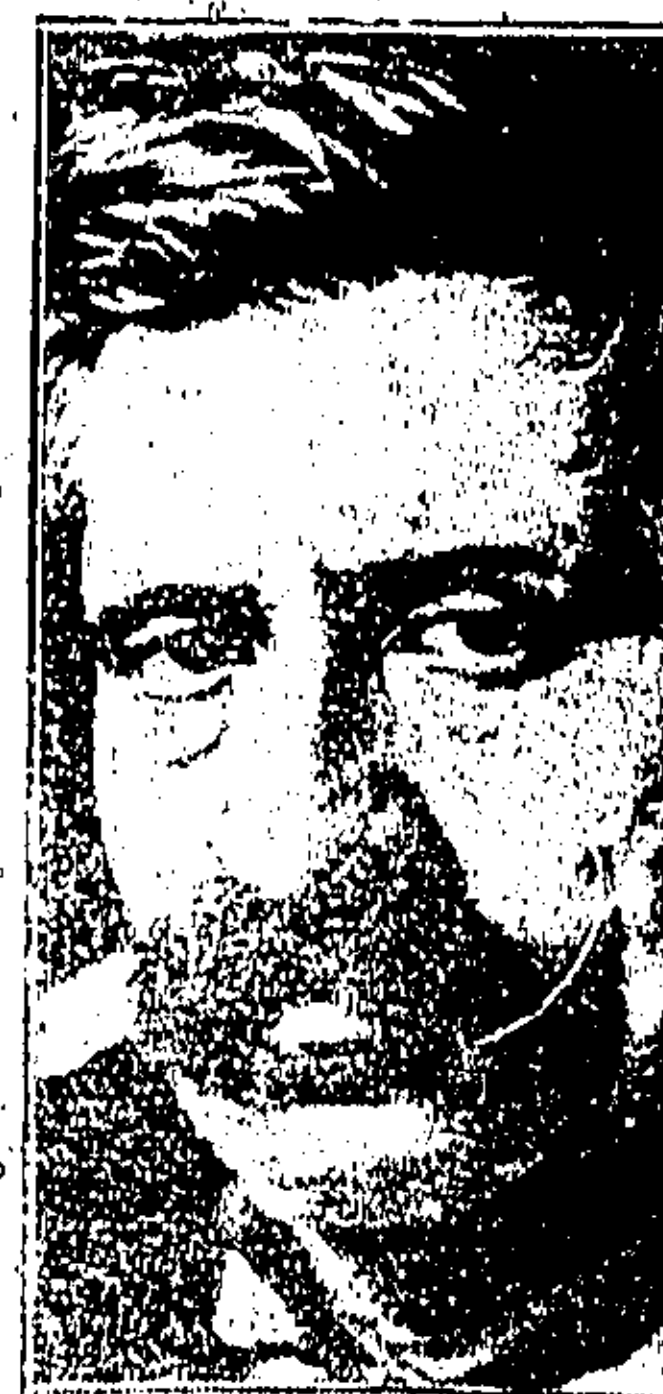
AT HAPPY VALLEY.

On Thursday June 3 (Birth day of H.M. King George V), a parade of the garrison will take place on the Wong-nel-chong recreation ground (Happy Valley) at 9 a.m.

The Jockey Club have kindly placed the grandstand and members' enclosure at the disposal of the public.

Lady Clement and party will be accommodated in the Hongkong Club stand which will be reserved for members of the Councils and heads of Government departments.

It was originally intended to hold the parade on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground but the arrangements have been altered.



Thomas Hill was arrested after his wife and mother-in-law were burned to death. Both women were crippled. Suspicion was aroused when he bought a car just after the double funeral.

THE QUANTS.

CROWDED HOUSES AT THE QUEEN'S.

"NINETTE" AGAIN.

A great success attended the presentation of "No. No. Ninette" at the Queen's Theatre last night by Mr. R. E. Salisbury and his "Quants" company. Rounds of applause and demands for encores from a crowded house showed that the play had not lost any of its popularity by frequent appearances locally. The orchestra was well-balanced and combined with those on the stage to interpret the haunting melodies in "I want to be happy" and "Ten for two" to the satisfaction of the audience.

Theatre-goers are given another opportunity of being present at "No. No. Ninette" which will be the farewell number to-morrow night. To-night the company plays "The Quants" as themselves.

RUBBER PRICES.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. are in receipt of a telegram from their Singapore friends advising that the price of Rubber is now 68 cents per lb. and giving the following quotations:—

Kundongs—10 per cent. Interim; Jimahs—15 per cent. Interim; Sumatras—30 per cent. Final; Ayer Hitam—25 per cent. Final. The wire also includes the following quotations:—

	Straits
Allenbys	4.00c
Alor Gajahs	3.00
Amalgamated Malays	5.00
Ayer Moleks	2.85
Ayer Panas	14.25
Balgownie	5.00
Bassett	1.50
Brogas	1.90
Bukit Jelutongs	1.25
Bukit Katils	1.35
Changkat Serdangs	0.25
Comemaras	2.90
Genalies	2.25
Indragiris	11.50
Jerangs	2.00
Jimahs	2.90
Kedahs	4.40
Kempas	10.25
Kuala Sidins	4.20
Lunas	4.40
Malaka Pindas	3.15
Malakoffs	5.00
Mandai Tekongs	0.5
Mayfields	15.50
Mentakabs	6
New Serendahs	5.50
Pajams	15.25
Punggors	1.40
Sandycrofts	4.00
Sundals	3.20
Stegul Bagans	4.15
Tapahs	34.50
Tambakals	1.40
Teluk Ansons	15.40
United Malaccas	2.05
Utan Simpans	5.50

COLONY'S HEALTH.

SMALL POX TOPS THE LIST.

WEEK'S RETURN.

Small-pox topped the list of notifiable diseases returned last week, as follows:—

Small-pox: 7 cases (6 Chinese, 1 Italian), 4 deaths.
Diphtheria: 4 cases (Chinese), 2 deaths.

Enteric fever: 3 cases (2 Chinese, 1 Indian, imported).
Cerebro-spinal fever: 1 case (Chinese).
Rabies: 2 Chinese cases, 2 deaths.

Influenza (not notifiable): 1 death.

On Tuesday, two Chinese cases of diphtheria were notified from the city district.

BANDITS & VILLAGERS.

WARNING TO RELATIVES OF CAPTIVES.

Kiukiang, Kt., May 16.—It is reported that about 60 armed bandits at three o'clock in the morning of April 25 descended upon Miao-chien Village, about 20 miles from Ching-an-hsien. The village contains some 200 families, most of whom were robbed. It is estimated that property to the value of \$20,000 was stolen. Four persons were kidnapped and each held to \$4,000 ransom. They were told that if the money was not forthcoming in five days, they would be killed.

Before leaving the place, the bandits posted up the following notice:—"I Lou-tze (surname Hsien), living beside the Cool Pavilion at the mouth of the Yellow Gold Cave, enjoin you if any man asks you how many men we have, to say 8,000 horse and foot. By bed and each held to \$4,000 ransom, can get your four men back; otherwise they will be given foreign pills (rifle shots) to eat at the expiration of five days."

Exit Ex-Gov. Fang Ping-jen.

May 15.

May 15.—When Marshal Wu Pei-fu and Chang Tso-lin came into power again, Tsang Cho-ping, a radical, in behalf of Kuomintang and Kuomintang, came to see Fang Ping-jen, former Tupan of Kiangsi, on a secret errand which, it was reported, was to persuade Fang to join them on sending troops to attack Hupeh. At the same time Fang was given to understand that Cantonese officers would come to Kiangsi to join in the fighting. Thus the long cherished march against the north was to be consummated.

As soon as the news reached Marshal Wu Pei-fu, special messengers were sent by him to Gen. Teng Ju-cho. At the same time delegates were sent to Marshal Sun Chuan-fang for the same purpose. Marshal Wu Pei-fu's men-of-war were also here to help Gen. Teng if necessary.

Then it was suggested that Tsang Cho-ping should be forced to leave Kiangsi immediately, or hat he and his party should be weeded out. After a couple of weeks, a secret meeting was held at Kuling by Gen. Ting Ju-cho, Yang Kuei-fen, Ting's chief adjutant, Gen. Hsien Cheng-zung, Commander of Martial Law at Nanchang, Gen. Yang Ju-hsun and Gen. Yang Cheng-chen, on the pretext of going up to Kuling to buy hands and build houses for a summer resort. And in a couple of days after they came down from Kuling, the warrant from Marshal Wu Pei-fu reached Gen. Teng Ju-cho, on March 24, appointing him Director-general of Kiangsi's Military Affairs in succession to Gov. Fang Ping-jen.

The ex-Governor of Kiangsi was clever enough then to realise that his influence and position was on the verge of a volcano, and he had to run for it; so he promised to leave Kiangsi peacefully, provided that Gen. Teng Ju-cho would allow him to pass through Kiukiang unmolested. Owing to their friendship, Gen. Teng promised to let him pass through and therefore Teng went to welcome him at Teh-an (a station midway between Nanchang and Kiukiang) on April 1 just after he had assumed office as Director-general of Kiangsi's Military Affairs, and put Fang on board a Japanese steamer and saw him off.

A couple of days after Fang arrived at Shanghai, rumour had it that Tsang Cho-ping went to Canton on behalf of Governor Fang to raise forces to fight against Kiangsi—both to get back his job and commence another "Northern expedition." But the scheme came to nothing, when Gen. Chang Kai-shek failed to command the respect of his men.—"W.C.D.N."

NOTICES.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 28th MAY, 1926, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1925, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from May 12th to May 28th both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hongkong, May 3, 1926.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 28th MAY, 1926, at 11.15 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1925, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from May 12th to May 28th both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hongkong, May 3, 1926.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 28th MAY, 1926, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1925, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from May 12th to May 28th both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hongkong, May 3, 1926.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN.

that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 28th MAY, 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th April, 1926.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 24th May, to MONDAY, 31st May, 1926, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 18th May, 1926.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

THE FORTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY.

will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 10th June, 1926, at 12 noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to 24th June, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 20th May, 1926.

SAFE DEPOSIT VAULTS.

THE BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.

has to inform all interested in safe deposit, that they have actually in their new building, 6, Queen's Road, safe deposit boxes at the yearly rate of \$8. for the small size and \$12. for the large size. Please apply to the Cashier, Hongkong, 21st April, 1926.

NOTICES.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT POSTPONEMENT.

WEATHER and Ground permit. The Final Open Championship Singles and Distribution of Prizes will take place on TUESDAY, 1st June and not on WEDNESDAY, the 26th May as previously advertised.
Hongkong, 26th May, 1926.

HONGKONG ANGLING CLUB.

THE SECOND ANNUAL MEETING will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, 14th June, 1926, at 5.15 p.m.
E. B. C. HORNELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 26th May, 1926.

EXHIBITION BILLIARDS

FALKNER v. S. C. KWOK

AT THE South China Athletic Association

ON FRIDAY, May 28th at 9 p.m.

Tickets \$2.00 to be had at the Association.

BASEBALL.

Hongkong Baseball Association

Opening Game

SATURDAY, May 29, at 4.00 p.m.

at Happy Valley

South China Athletic Association

(Colony's Champions)

vs.

Japanese Baseball Club

(Runners Up)

By kind Consent

His Excellency the Governor,

Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.

will throw the first ball

SUNDAY, May 30, at 4.00 p.m.

Hongkong Baseball Club

vs.

The Filipino Club

ADMISSION:—

Covered Stands..... 50 Cents.

Uncovered Stands..... 20

Soldiers & Sailors in Uniform

Half Price. Ladies Free.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1926.

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"MALWA"	10,941	22nd May	Marseilles and London
"MIRZAPUR"	6,715	2nd June	Marseilles, London, Rangoon & A. W. P.
"KASHMIR"	6,715	7th June	Marseilles, London, Rangoon & A. W. P.
"KASHMIR"	6,715	12th June	Marseilles, London, Rangoon & A. W. P.
"KASHMIR"	6,715	17th June	Marseilles, London, Rangoon & A. W. P.
"KASHMIR"	6,715	22nd June	Marseilles, London, Rangoon & A. W. P.
"KASHMIR"	6,715	27th June	Marseilles, London, Rangoon & A. W. P.
"KASHMIR"	6,715	1st July	Marseilles, London, Rangoon & A. W. P.
"KASHMIR"	6,715	6th July	Marseilles, London, Rangoon & A. W. P.
"KASHMIR"	6,715	11th July	Marseilles, London, Rangoon & A. W. P.
"KASHMIR"	6,715	16th July	Marseilles, London, Rangoon & A. W. P.
"KASHMIR"	6,715	21st July	Marseilles, London, Rangoon & A. W. P.
"KASHMIR"	6,715	26th July	Marseilles, London, Rangoon & A. W. P.
"KASHMIR"	6,715	31st July	Marseilles, London, Rangoon & A. W. P.
"KASHMIR"	6,715	5th Aug.	Marseilles, London, Rangoon & A. W. P.
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"KASHMIR"	6,715	3rd Dec.	Marseilles, London, Rangoon & A. W. P.

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S. S.	Tons	From HONGKONG (ABOUT)	DESTINATION
"TAKIDA"	6,949	6th June	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"SANTHA"	7,954	27th June	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TILAWA"	10,008	6th July	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	11th July	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"SIRALIA"	7,841	22nd July	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

S. S.	Tons	From HONGKONG (ABOUT)	DESTINATION
"TANDA"	8,858	1st June	Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville, Sydney, and Melbourne.
"TANDA"	8,858	27th June	Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville, Sydney, and Melbourne.
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The P. & O. Branch service of steamers to London via the Cape.
The New Zealand Shipping Company's steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

"MANUWA"	10,901	28th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"PADUA"	5,807	at 8 a.m.	
"SANTHA"	7,751	1st June	Shanghai & Kobe
"KASHMIR"	6,715	9th June	Moji and Kobe
"ARAFURA"	6,000	11th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TILAWA"	6,000	12th June	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"TILAWA"	6,000	13th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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BIRTHS.

BOWDEN.—On May 18, at the
Victoria Nursing Home,
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs.
William Bowden, a son.

HOWEY.—On May 17, at 153,
Amoy Road, Singapore, to
Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howey, a
son.

LAYTON.—On May 7, at the
Fraser Memorial Home,
Colombo, to Mr. and Mrs.
E. C. Layton, a daughter.

DEATH.

RICHARDS.—On April 1, 1926,
at Monte Cino Hospital, Los
Angeles, California, Minnie
Hawthorne Richards, beloved
wife of Pilot J. Richards.

Hongkong, Thursday, May 27, 1926.

ANOTHER GREAT LOSS.

Only yesterday we had the un-
pleasant duty of recording the
death of the Hon. Mr. P. H.
Hoyak, after years of solid ser-
vice in the interests of the Colony.
To-day our sense of loss is at-
tentuated by the passing of the
"Grand Old Man" of the Colony,
Sir Paul Chater, at his residence,
Marble Hall, Conduit Road, this
morning. Of epitaphs and in
memoriam notices it may truly
be said that Sir Paul requires
none; the polished sentence and
the flowery eloquence of the
writer or orator may be sought
in vain to describe how much
his life has meant to Hongkong.

Tributes to his sterling worth
there must be, as there will be
of all truly great men who leave
their footprints on the sands of
time for others to follow and to
profit by precept and example.
But not all the tributes could
adequately do justice to one
whose long life was wrapped up
in the welfare of his adopted
island home. There was not one
phase of local life in which he
did not evince practical inter-
est. There was no scheme for
the development of the Colony
but had in Sir Paul an ardent
supporter. There was not a
charitable cause but could count
on his beneficent nature express-
ing itself to an extent that sur-
prised the recipients most of all.

"One of the most beneficent
figures in the Empire" was the
description of him given by T. P.
O'Connor about two years ago
after he had met Hongkong's
"Grand Old Man" at Vicky.

We are not a churlish or un-
grateful community. We may
not express in mere words all
the gratitude we feel to Sir Paul,
for in moments of the greatest
loss words are hard to find. But
with reverence we can say that
Hongkong's long period of pros-
perity and progress, leaving
aside even the effects of the
strike and the boycott, is the best
monument to the most outstand-
ing personality in our midst for
over sixty years. The rise of
Hongkong and the career of Sir
Paul Chater are synonymous
terms. To quote T. P. O'Connor
once more: "Sir Paul and
everything in Hongkong have
been indissolubly associated. He
was at the head of everything
here; no enterprise got on with-
out asking his assistance. Ship-
ping, banking, international com-
panies with their heads in London
or in Paris—he was in them all.
And he accumulated one of the
largest fortunes in the Empire.
He was the father of everything
in Hongkong by long residence
and long service. He was 'the
oldest British settler'; he was the
oldest member of the Executive
Council. From his immense
wealth he gave most generously
to every good cause; he was thus
the chief philanthropist as well as
the oldest settler in this very
prosperous and go-ahead Colony,
one of our proudest and best crea-
tions in the Empire."

This evening the mortal re-
mains of the best and truest
friend that Hongkong has ever
had will be laid to rest far from
the home of his fathers—in a city
which he has nobly assisted to
create by his initiative, his
genius and his munificence.
"The labourer's task is o'er," but
the gigantic nature of that task
and what it has meant to the
whole community shall be of
everlasting memory. Whilst we
would mourn with Lady Chater
and other relatives in the hour of
their sad bereavement, our
grief will be tempered with re-
lief that Sir Paul has been spared
to a good old age and has seen
numerous tangible results of his
regal generosity.

HONGKONG WEATHER.

Drip, drip, drip and drop drop drop
Rain commenced and cannot stop.
Can't play tennis or cricket too
Sit inside and just get blue.

Flop, flop, flop and splash splash
Lightning flashes and thunders
crash.
Happy Valley and Fanling Course
Can't play golf or back a horse.

Fog and drizzle, wet and slush
Fell all sticky with mud and mush.
Step on tram and go up Peak
Arrive at party and feel a freak.

Why leave Blighy to come out here
Only sport is drinking beer.
Take long leave and jump on boat
Don't come back and be a goat.

RAIN BIRD.

From the city district, a case of
enteric fever was notified yester-
day, the patient being Chinese.

As a mark of respect to the late
Sir Paul Chater, the Tennis Club
will no run their bathing trip this
afternoon.

REPULSE BAY.

QUESTIONS BY SIR HENRY
POLLOCK.

BATHING FACILITIES.

Questions were asked at to-day's
Legislative Council meeting by the
Hon. Sir Henry Pollock relative to
bathing facilities at Repulse Bay.

Will the Government appoint a
Committee for the purpose of con-
sidering and reporting to the
Council on the following ques-
tions in connection with Repulse
Bay, namely:—

- The feasibility of providing
better bathing accommodation.
- The feasibility of enlarging
the area of the beach which
can be bathed from by the re-
moval of rocks from the
western end of the Bay.
- The provision of the proper
sanitary conveniences for those
resorting to Repulse Bay.
- The regular removal by
scavenging collecta of rubbish
and refuse and tins from the
houses and beach.
- The regular inspection by a
Sanitary Inspector of the
septic tanks and drainage and
other outlets, for the purpose
of ensuring that the same are
working effectively and with-
out danger to the public
health.
- The cutting and keeping cut,
and the removal of all rubbish
and refuse and tins from, the
long grass and other under-
growth below the Hotel Gar-
age, and in such other places
as are recommended by the
above Committee.
- Generally, the making of such
recommendations as may tend
to improve the bathing and
public health conditions at
Repulse Bay and to check the
breeding of flies and mos-
quitoes.

AT STANLEY.

Another query by Sir Henry was
with regard to Stanley.

Will the Government also em-
power the above Committee to
consider and report upon the
feasibility of inaugurating a new
public bathing beach in the
neighbourhood of Stanley?

Government's Reply.

The reply given was:—
H. E. the Governor has appointed
the following committee to re-
port on the existing facilities,
sanitation, and scavenging at
bathing beaches generally, and
in particular at Repulse Bay
and at Castle Peak; and on the
feasibility of inaugurating ad-
ditional public bathing
beaches; and to make recom-
mendations as to the lines on
which the future policy of the
Government with respect to
bathing beaches should be
framed:—

Dr. J. B. Addison, (chairman)
Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock, K.C.
Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow.
Mr. D. W. Thatman.
Mr. E. W. Carpenter.
Dr. A. G. M. Severn.
Secretary: Mr. W. Schofield.

KOWLOON TRAFFIC.

QUESTIONS BY MR. D. G. M.
BERNARD.

TYPE OF VEHICLE.

On the matter of Kowloon
transport, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M.
Bernard put questions to-day in
the Legislative Council.

(1) What is the present posi-
tion with regard to the estab-
lishment of a permanent transpor-
tation system in Kowloon?

(2) Will the Government con-
sider the advisability of employ-
ing an expert from Home to ad-
vise as to the most suitable type
of vehicle to adopt?

Government's Reply.

The replies given were:—
1.—The motor bus companies at
present operating in Kowloon
have been given a guarantee
that they will be allowed to
operate for at least three years
more if they maintain a satis-
factory and efficient service.
2.—It is not considered necessary
to engage an expert from
England to advise on the most
suitable type of vehicle for use
in Hongkong. Considerable
experience of local conditions would be
required before any such expert
would be in a position to give
valuable assistance.

A Chinese woman passenger on a
Shanklin ferry boat attempted
to commit suicide by jumping into
the harbour, while the vessel was
approaching the pier on the Hong-
kong side, yesterday. She was
rescued and sent to hospital.

GREAT LOSS.

(Continued from page 1.)

PRAYA RECLAMATION.

Visit of Duke of Connaught.

That Sir Paul Chater was early
convinced of the future greatness
of Hongkong may be gathered
from this interesting extract from
"Who's Who" in the Far East,
published by the "China Mail," as
far back as 1906:—

"In 1884 he started a godown
business at Kowloon, purchasing
the sea beach from the Govern-
ment and erecting godowns; in
1888 amalgamated with Jardine,
Matheson & Co. and established
the existing Hongkong and Kow-
loon Wharf and Godown Co., re-
claiming foreshores and erecting
present godowns and wharves;
originated the Praya Reclamation
in 1887 by writing to the Govern-
ment and submitting a scheme,
which was accepted by marine lot-
holders; visited England, later
and received the sanction of the
Secretary of State to carry out
the work, the foundation stone
being laid at the corner of exist-
ing cricket ground by the Duke of
Connaught in 1890; presented
status of the Duke of Connaught
to the Colony in commemoration
of the event; work was concluded
on the reclamation in 1906, the re-
sult being the addition
to the Colony of consider-
able foreshore upon which has
been erected some of the finest
buildings east of Suez; was the first
to advocate the acquirement of
the present New Territory on the
mainland of China, writing to the
Government four years before the
actual leasing of the territory; or-
ganised an appeal to the Govern-
ment later by the Chamber of
Commerce, the China Association,
and the Unofficial Members of the
Legislative Council, and success-
fully urged the negotiation for a
lease of the territory, which was
subsequently granted by China;

has been identified in most public
movements since arrival in the
Colony; was Treasurer and after-
wards Chairman of Queen's
Jubilee Committee; Chairman of
Diamond Jubilee Committee (then
created C.M.G.); erected first
Anglican Church at Kowloon; is
chairman and director of prin-
cipal public companies, including
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock
Company.

ON THE COUNCIL.

A Contested Election.

Writing on April 1, 1924, on the
completion of Sir Paul's sixty
years' residence in Hongkong, it
was stated:—

"It was in 1886 that he was
elected to a temporary vacancy on
the Legislative Council as the re-
presentative of the Unofficial
Justices of the Peace, though op-
posed by two other candidates.
On the resignation of Mr. F.
Sassoon in the following year, Sir
Paul (Mr. Chater as he was then)
although absent from the Colony
at the time, was elected for the
full term of six years, at the ex-
piration of which period he was
re-elected. He was again re-
elected in 1899 for a further
period of six years. Meanwhile
(in 1898) instructions were re-
ceived from the Secretary of
State for two Unofficial Members
to be added to the Executive
Council, and Sir Paul was selected
as the Senior Member, and he has
continued in that capacity ever
since."

AT THE UNIVERSITY.

An Honorary Graduate.

On January 24, 1923, in pre-
sents Sir Paul to His Excellency
the Governor, Chancellor of the
University, the Vice-Chancellor
said, inter alia:—
"It remains, Mr. Chancellor, for
me to present to you, as worthy of
an honorary degree, my colleague,
the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Treas-
urer of this University. (Cheers
and applause.)"

"Standing in this hall, one
thinks first of Sir Paul Chater as
a former partner of the late Sir
Hormusjee Mody, to whose gen-
erosity we owe these buildings.
Not only is Sir Paul our Treasurer,
but he has been so since the in-
stitution of the University. Nor
is it irrelevant in this connection
that when the Masons of this
Colony were minded to found a
scholarship in the University for
the sons of members of Masonic
bodies in Hongkong and South
China it was the name of Sir Paul
Chater that was attached to that
Scholarship."

"In public life Sir Paul is the
senior Justice of the Peace, by
nine years; he became a member
of the Legislative Council as long
ago as 1887; he has sat upon Your
Excellency's Executive Council
since 1890; and he was first hon-
oured by his Sovereign in 1897.
"It is, however, in commercial
life that Sir Paul Chater has won
most distinction, and there the
question may be asked: what is

TRAFFIC VAGARY.

MOTOR DRIVERS IRREGULAR
PROCEDURE.

OVERHAULED BY GUNNER.

Gunner A. Newman was con-
gratulated by Mr. R. E. Lindell
at the Central Magistracy this
morning for his public spirit in
an incident which occurred at Hill
Road yesterday afternoon.

Two Chinese were charged,
a licensed driver with allowing
another without a permit to have
control of a car and the other
with driving without a licence.
The Gunner stated in evidence
that he was coming down the road
when he observed the car skidding
on a pavement and narrowly miss
a collision with a wooden shed in
which were two old men. On ap-
proaching the car to investigate,
the men rapidly changed places,
and the man without a licence
jumped off and bolted, but was
caught by witness and handed
over to a police officer.

Evidence was also given that
the other man drove away the car
during the temporary pursuit of
the runaway, but he was traced
by the police.
Defendants were fined \$25
each, or fourteen days.

the connection between com-
mercial success and academic distinc-
tion? From those who regard
the role of the financier as a
purely acquisitive one such a ques-
tion is not unnatural, but reflec-
tion leads me to believe that men
work in different media and that
idealism is to be found in every
class. No more stirring story is
to be found in the East than that
of the transformation of Hong-
kong from a barren rock to the
home of a prosperous, an orderly,
and a well-governed community—
(applause)—the work has called
for imagination, for insight and
for courage, and it is from men
such as Sir Paul Chater that those
qualities had not least been re-
quired. If we wish that story to
be fully reflected in the roll of
our honorary graduates, then the
name of Sir Paul Chater must be
added to the list."

TURF CAREER.

[By "Patrol"]

As "Mr. Paul," and latterly as
"Sir Paul," the G.O.M. of the
Hongkong turf claims connection
since 1865, his first meeting.
As steward, Judge, owner and
spectator, Sir Paul Chater has won
the affection of all with whom he
came into contact, from rival
owner down to the most humble
"mafoo" (stable boy).

Altogether, he has been con-
nected with 61 consecutive meetings.
Even in his old age, he attended
training with fair regularity.

In 1884, the stable was taken
over by the late Sir Hormusjee
Mody ("Mr. Buxey") and Sir Paul
resumed in 1912.

Sir Paul holds the record num-
ber of wins for a Hongkong meet-
ing, namely, fifteen.

In his 26 years as owner, Sir
Paul won practically every race
of importance on the Hongkong
turf. For some reason or other
—whether intentional or not, I
cannot tell—he has never been
conspicuous in events for sub-
scription griffins, the class of pony
to encourage the small owner.

I remember 1916 as the year
in which the "straw, white cap,"
swept the board, to the complete
satisfaction of the regular fol-
lowers of the stable. With differ-
ent ponies, Sir Paul took first and
second in both the Derby and the
Champions, Triumphant Dahlia
establishing records on each of
the three days!

In 1914, 1915 and 1916, Sir Paul
won the Derby; and the Cham-
pions in 1915 and 1916. Among
the giants of those days were
Windsor Dahlia, Winsome Dahlia
and Perfection Dahlia, the last
named being dubbed "four legs
not on the ground" by an old
mafoo.

More recently, Sir Paul won a
surprise Derby with Ideal Dahlia
in 1923 and Glorious Dahlia was
first this year.

Last year, Saucy Dahlia won the
Shanghai Derby. Incidentally,
the stable has a string of successes
in Shanghai to its credit.

A race which has been very
popular with Sir Paul in the last
few years is the Governor's Cup,
he winning it in 1922, 1923, 1925,
and again this year.

The Chater Cup was, of course,
presented by Sir Paul.

Sir Paul had a great trainer in
Curreen, who predeceased his
owner by a few years. Curreen
said that Taimahal and Black
Satin (of the old days) were about
the best that were ever in the
stable. He may be right as Taimahal
was first in the Champions
of 1882 when "Mr. Paul" also pro-
vided second and third! But the
writer will always remember Per-
fection Dahlia as about the fastest
ponies of the "pukka" China pony days
of the last decade.

COAL CRISIS.

LLOYD GEORGE CONDEMNS MUDDLING.

SUGGESTED WAY OUT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Llandudno, May 26.

Mr. D. Lloyd George, speaking here, roundly blamed the Government for muddling and lack of thought, especially for the Government's policy during the past ten months, also the restoration of the gold standard by which the price of exported coal had been reduced.

He declared that he unreservedly condemned the general strike and supported the Government's measures to preserve order and carry on the national services. He added: "At the same time I am unable to work myself into a pitch of righteous anger against men who, however mistakenly, unwisely, and wrongly, were risking their own livelihood to help their comrades' desperate plight."

He had favoured getting back to the status quo and strongly supported the "sagacious and statesmanlike proposal" contained in the Archbishop of Canterbury's appeal on May 7. Therefore he advocated conciliation, supported the Samuel Report, and urged the Government to legislate over the heads of the miners and mine owners, and thus shorten the conflict.

Rebuked by Lord Oxford.

London, May 26.

A definite break between the Liberal leaders is marked by the publication of correspondence between the Earl of Oxford and Mr. Lloyd George. The former regrets the course pursued by Mr. Lloyd George when the Liberal Party united against the "anti-social campaign and general strike." He rebukes Mr. Lloyd George for the latter's declaration of disagreement with the statements of the Earl of Oxford, Earl Grey of Fallodon, and Sir John Simon published in the "British Gazette."

He deplores Mr. Lloyd George's contributions to the American Press, "containing a desponding, though highly coloured, picture of our national straits."

Mr. Lloyd George, in his reply, touched in moderate terms, defends his attitude during the General Strike, and declares his American newspaper article on the strike had been misrepresented in Britain, although he admits he miscalculated the course of events, and concludes by offering to meet Mr. Asquith and other Liberal leaders to discuss the position.

CANADA DEFRAUDED

REPORT OF "CUSTOMS PROBE COMMITTEE."

EXCISE DUTY NOT PAID.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Ottawa, May 26.

According to the interim report of the auditors engaged by the House of Commons "Customs Probe Committee" to investigate liquor smuggling in connection with the business of certain Montreal companies engaged presumably in the export of liquor to the United States, the Dominion has been defrauded of huge sums in excise taxes.

The auditors found that the incomplete records of one company showed sales values of over \$7,000,000 worth, mostly for export to Mexico via Detroit. The auditors are of opinion that at least part of the liquor never left Canada, and the Dominion was defrauded possibly of a million dollars in unpaid excise taxes.

The House of Commons Committee is probing further.

MISS DORIS WOODS.

JOINS MR. SALISBURY'S "QUAINTS."

LEAVES ON SATURDAY.

Miss Doris Woods, the well-known and popular teacher of ball-room dancing, has joined Mr. Salisbury's Company "The Quaints." She will leave Hongkong, with the Company, on Saturday by the s.s. "Maewa."

She has been engaged to fill the place of Miss Sylvia Lennox who was married in Shanghai on May 8.

Miss Woods should prove an added attraction to this clever Company, her ability as a singer and a dancer being very well known. At she and her sister Aileen gave successful cabaret entertainments throughout the East during the war.

The Company opens in Singapore after they leave Hongkong and then proceeds through the F.M.S. to India. Miss Woods expects to be back in Hongkong in time for winter season with all the latest in ball-room dancing.

FENG YU HSIANG.

ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE HIM IN MOSCOW.

TWO CHINESE ARRESTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, May 27.

Chinese messages received in Shanghai state that two Chinese attempted to assassinate General Feng Yu-hsiang while inspecting an arsenal in Moscow.

Feng Yu-hsiang is unharmed and his assailants have been arrested.

LITTLE ENTENTE.

UNANIMITY SECURED ON DISARMAMENT.

THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, May 26.

The preparatory Disarmament Conference concluded its first session with the adoption of a report of the Drafting Sub-Committee.

An Hungarian and Greek memorandum on general disarmament was referred to the Technical Sub-Committee.

An interesting feature of today's discussions was the unanimity of views of the Little Entente representatives on the voluminous Hungarian memorandum.

The Yugo-Slav delegate disputed the statement that the Yugo-Slav Army constituted a menace to Hungary. He declared that Yugo-Slavavia, which did not hate Hungary, was ready at any moment to conclude a pact of non-aggression with Hungary and her other neighbours.

The Roumanian and Czechoslovakian delegates supported the Yugo-Slavian.

Viscount Cecil said that the Hungarian memorandum was referred to a Sub-Committee on the understanding that no modification of existing Treaties was involved.

Viscount Cecil added with reference to the date of the next meeting of the Conference, which the United States was anxious to have settled, that the work of the Sub-Committee must be thorough and complete. They would begin their work immediately in order not to waste time.

Viscount Cecil Interviewed.

Geneva, May 26.

Viscount Cecil interviewed by Reuter, said he did not anticipate that the Disarmament Conference could be assembled before the end of 1927.

Summarising the work of the Preparatory Committee he said that two positive decisions taken were that only peace armaments could be limited, and when the Conference met each State should submit a scheme showing what armaments it needed, both in personnel and material, together with the supporting statement from the Committee. It added two other schemes to the programme, namely, the control and supervision of armaments and the investigation of the question of chemical warfare.

BRILLIANT BANQUET

EIGHT AMBASSADORS' GUESTS OF BRITAIN.

PRINCE OF WALES PRESENT.

(Reuter's Agency.)

London, May 26.

The Delegates to the International Parliamentary and Commercial Conference were the guests at a brilliant Government banquet in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who was the chief guest in the assembly, which included the Japanese and seven other Ambassadors, proposed the toast of the Sovereigns of the Kingdoms and the Presidents of the Republics represented.

Mr. Winston Churchill presided.

JOB FOR BORAH.

TO INVESTIGATE NICARAGUAN REVOLT.

SENATOR'S ALLEGATIONS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, May 26.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee directed Senator Borah informally to investigate the Nicaraguan revolution after Committee member Moses had declared he was informed that an American marine closed the Customs Office there.

Mr. Moses wanted to know what happened to the Customs receipts. He also understood that a gun-running expedition recently left New Orleans for Nicaragua.

FORGED NOTES.

PROMINENT MEN SENT TO PRISON.

FIVE YEARS FOR PRINCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Budapest, May 26.

Sentences of five years' penal servitude have been passed on the ex-Chief of Police, Nadassy, and Prince Louis Windisch-Graetz, and two years in the case of Geroe, the Adviser to the Cartographical Institute in connection with the forged franc note affair.

Two other members of the Cartographical Institute, Secretary, Raba, and the other accused have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from one to 18 months.

M. Baross, Director of the Savings Bank, and M. Szoertoye, Vice-Director of the National Union, were acquitted.

Appeals Lodged.

Budapest, later.

Appeals have been lodged by the prosecution for severer sentences and by the accused for mitigation. Meanwhile all except Prince Windisch-Graetz and M. Nadassy have been liberated.

[A Budapest report of January 27, stated:—The Pester Lloyd today publishes an article containing information regarding the initiation of the proceedings against the forgers of the French bank notes, of which information it guarantees the importance. It states that as the result of particulars which were supplied to the Hungarian authorities from The Hague and Paris, suspicion was directed solely against the valet Kovacs and the secretary Raba of Prince Windisch-Graetz.]

Only these two persons were arrested as the result of information supplied from sources abroad. All the other arrests, including particularly those of Prince Windisch-Graetz and M. Nadassy, the Chief of Police, were carried out exclusively on the initiative of the Hungarian authorities, at the instance of Count Bethlen himself, without any assistance from abroad, and as a result of information supplied and arranged by the Hungarian officials themselves.

The Hungarian detective who was sent to Amsterdam returned to Budapest, after it had been agreed that the collected material under investigation in Amsterdam and Paris should be sent on to Hungary by mail, but it did not come to hand. Days elapsed, and it was only after three requests that the information reached Budapest.]

FRENCH ACES.

A LAUDABLE INTENTION FRUSTRATED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, May 25.

D'Oisy's ultimate destination is Tokyo. He intends on this occasion to rival the Trans-Siberian Railway, necessitating a daily average flight of 500 to 600 miles, hitherto not achieved by aeroplanes over vast distances.

A Mishap.

Paris, May 26.

D'Oisy's aeroplane, on attempting to take off in the rain in Warsaw aerodrome, overturned in the mud and is unfit to continue. D'Oisy was not injured.

Confirmatory Report.

(Havas Agency.)

Warsaw, May 26.

The aeroplane of D'Oisy capsized when he was hopping off for Moscow. The airman was unhurt, but the machine was smashed.

A "FLYING VISIT."

ARGENTINE AVIATOR REACHES CHARLESTON.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, May 25.

A message from Charleston says that the Argentine aviator, Bernardo Duggan, has arrived.

DANISH FLIGHT.

ARRIVAL REPORTED AT PEKING.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, May 25.

The Danish airman have arrived here.

SURRENDER!

ABD EL KRIM IN HANDS OF FRENCH.

PRISONERS RETURNED.

(Havas Service.)

Fez, May 26.

Abd-el-Krim is going to the French lines in order to surrender. He has sent back all the French prisoners to Tarquist.

Under French Protection.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, May 26.

An official report says that Abd-el-Krim has surrendered and will be taken to Taza. He has put himself and his family under the protection of France.

Abd-el-Krim, before entering the French lines, sent back all the French and Spanish native prisoners.

WAR SERVICE.

ALIENS' PRIVILEGES IN AMERICA.

NO RESTRICTIONS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, May 26.

President Coolidge has signed the Bill permitting aliens who served with the American forces during the Great War to enter the United States regardless of quota restrictions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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The property is situate on a piece or parcel of ground registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 1705 and covers an area of 207,900 square feet. The premises are held for a term of 999 years from the 8th day of October, 1883, created therein by a Crown Lease dated 1st February, 1904, and made between his late Majesty King Edward VII of the one part and The Hongkong Brewery Co., Ltd. of the other part and are subject to the payment of the annual Crown rent of \$478.

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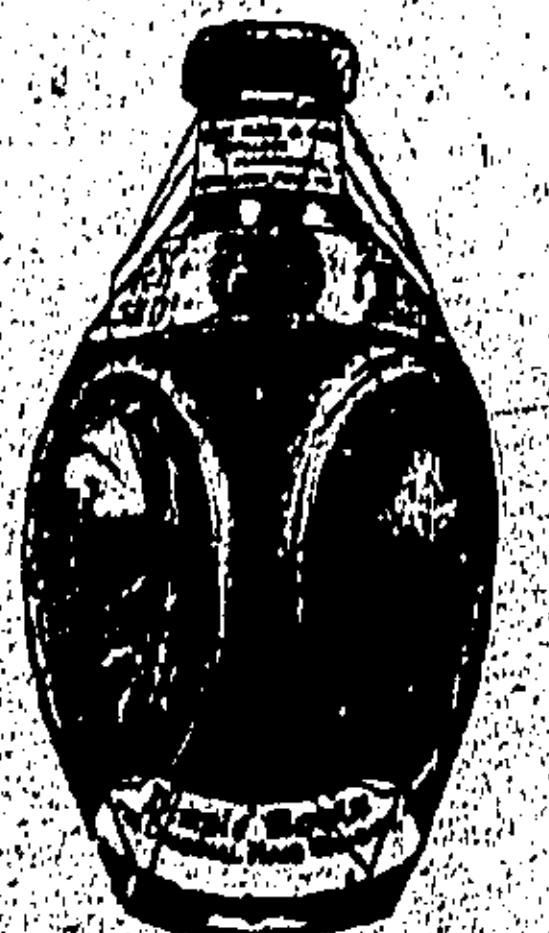
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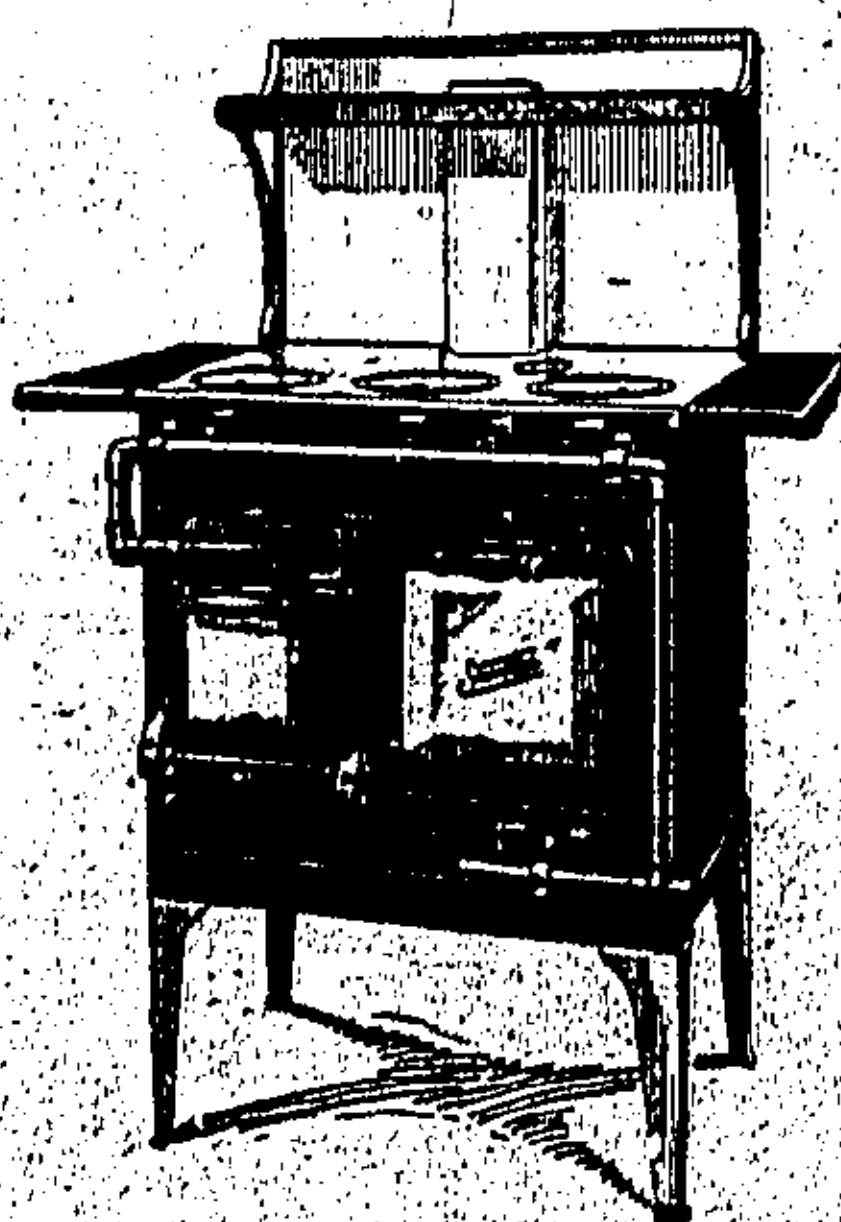
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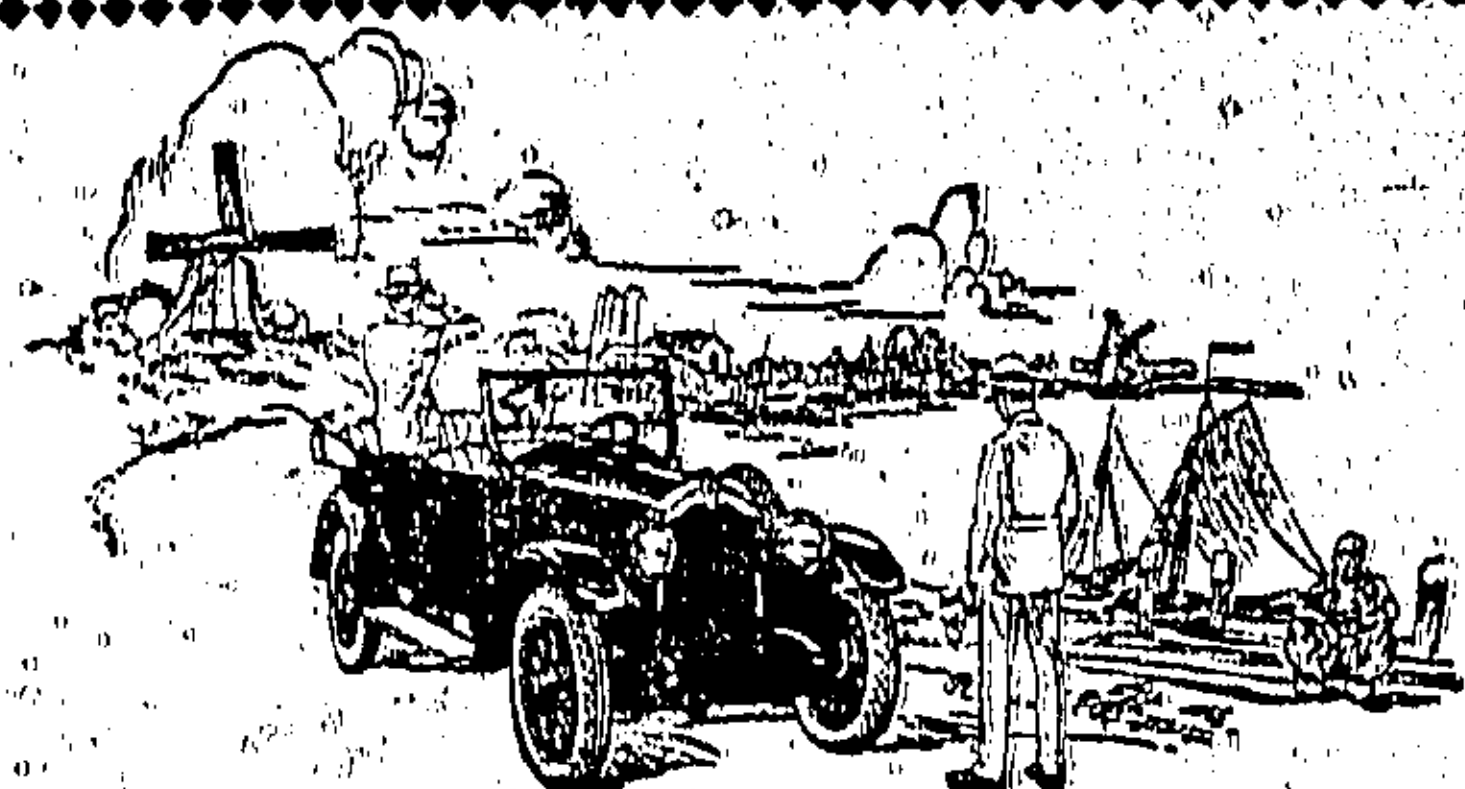
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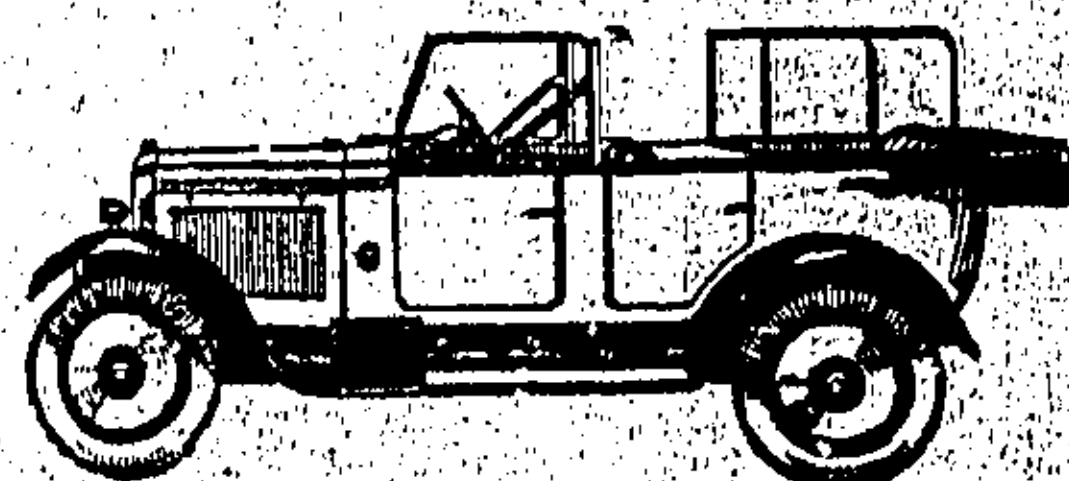
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An extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society will take place at the Cathedral Hall, on Monday, June 7, at 6.30 p.m.

Fines of \$5 were imposed at the Central Magistracy yesterday on several Chinese for firing crackers in the vicinity of the Government Civil Hospital.

Captain Loriga (the Spanish aviator) is unlikely to fly his machine from Macao to Manila, because of the uncertainty of when his new motor will arrive in Macao from California.

A police report states that a Chinese escaped from the charge room at the Tai Po police station while under arrest. The man's name is Lee Yuen, 21 years old, and he was dressed in blue cotton clothes.

Evidence was taken at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday in a charge of theft of about \$400 in money and jewellery against a Chinese servant girl from a house at Woo Sang Street. The case was adjourned.

Three property sales are advertised to take place at the auction rooms of Messrs. Lamert Bros. on June 3 at 3 p.m. The properties that are being put up are: The Ming Yuen Gardens, Leasehold Property situate at 49, Bonham Road and Leasehold Property situate at Nos. 21, 22, 23 and 24 Hill Road.

For allowing his dog to be abroad without being muzzled or on a lead, Mr. Reid, of Broadwood Road, was fined \$10 at the Magistracy yesterday. The caretaker of the Japanese Crematorium, Sookumpoo, was fined \$40 for keeping four dogs without licences. Fines of from \$5 to \$10 were imposed on other offenders.

There were 314 deaths in Singapore during the week ending May 8, according to the statement of the Registrar of Births and Deaths. Pneumonia accounted for 44 of these, convolution of 38, phthisis for 33, fever not specified for 21, and malarial fever for 21. Under nationalities there were one European, two Eurasian, 249 Chinese, 45 Malay, and 16 Indian deaths. One death from bubonic plague occurred. A ratio per mille of the population of 92.02 was returned.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Lt.-Com. G. W. Hoare Smith has been appointed to H.M.S. "Moth" in command.

The appointment of Mr. E. T. Williams as a police magistrate at Penang, and also a member of the Board of Examiners in Malay, has been notified.

Peking, May 8.—It is announced that the Italian Minister will soon be transferred, and will return to his country at the beginning of June.

The Annual Ball of the Russian Benevolent Society took place at the Majestic Hotel on May 18, and proved an unqualified success. The ball room was thronged with dancers, close on seven hundred at least being present.

The engagement is announced of Joseph W. Brouwer, the Singapore Y.M.C.A. cricketer, and Edith Joan, younger daughter of Mr. E. V. Xavier, retired Kuala Lumpur postmaster, and Mrs. Xavier—M. M.

On arrival here from Haiphong, Madame Herriot (wife of the ex-French Premier and President of the Chamber of Deputies) was entertained at the French Consulate. Madame Herriot was accompanied by Madame Wildon (wife of the French diplomat).

It is reported that arrangements are being made by a number of leading Shanghai educators and merchants for the establishment of a commercial college in Hankow. Mr. Y. S. Wei, Mr. L. S. Tong and several other prominent business men are reported to have made contribution of funds and the college is expected to be ready to open sometime this September.

Past and present members of the Middlesex Regiment were entertained by past and present Officers of the Regiment on May 15 at the Europa Hotel, Singapore. Colonel R. H. Haseldine, D.S.O., presided, and made an impressive speech at the end of the dinner recalling that whenever Middlesex men were found in the world over, some effort was made to perpetuate the memory of those men who made the name of the Regiment famous.

The annual meeting of the Peak Tramways Co., Ltd., is to be held at the Hongkong Hotel at 11 a.m. to-morrow.

Shareholders are reminded of the annual meeting to-morrow, at Union Building, of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. (11 a.m.); British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd. (11.15 a.m.); and China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. (11.20 a.m.).

The tenth Congress of the International Women Suffrage Alliance is to be held in Paris, May 30 to June 6. Although Chinese Women Suffrage has not yet affiliated itself with this international woman's organisation, it has decided to send a fraternal delegate to the conference to carry greetings from the women of the Orient.

Mr. Chow Shing-ting, the chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Hankow, has sent in a long petition to General Headquarters complaining that in spite of the transport companies' advancing \$300,000 to the railway company as transportation fees the military along the line are still freely detaining cars. Mr. Chow voices the hope that Headquarters will take the necessary measures towards protecting the cars in future.

Peking, May 13.—The Panshen Lama has circulated a telegram joining those in the demand that Dr. W. W. Yen assume office without further loss of time as Kweny Premier. The Tibetan dignitary dwelt upon the dangers which would ensue to the country if the present state of affairs in Peking were allowed to continue and voiced the hope that all civilian and military leaders throughout the country would co-operate with one another so that the country may settle down at an early date.

Billiards enthusiasts are reminded of the exhibition by Mr. Claude Falkner at 5 p.m. to-morrow at the South China A. A. headquarters in China Building. The famous British professional will meet Mr. S. C. Kwok, one of the best of Chinese cueists in the Colony. Mr. Kwok has been a finalist in the Hongkong championships. When not playing for any trophy, as he will be to-morrow night, he is likely to give of his best, his style being of the free and easy, and three figure breaks are not out of his reach.

The Netherland Indian Government has declared Amoy to be an infected place on account of plague. Ipoh, May 18.—A mail bag from Ipoh to Malacca was lost in transit to the local station last night and is still untraced.

Peking, May 8.—Evacuation of troops from Peking's historical centres is said to have been effected by General Wang Hual-ching. The places from which the military are being moved include the Confucian Temple, Lama Temple, Coal Hill Temple, Temple of Heaven and Temple of Agriculture.

By the terms of a resolution adopted at the recent annual general meeting of the Shanghai Medical Society no longer will any account be taken of the nationality of those who may join the organisation. This means that after a lapse of years German and Austrian physicians again will be admitted to the membership of the Society.

The long reported issuance of funds to the employees of the Peking-Hankow Railway Administration materialised recently, when all the officials received their pay for April, and were promised the arrears for January/February and March by instalments within ten months. It is said that Mr. Lao Chih-chang, the new Director of the Bureau is preparing to pay all the arrears of salaries to the dismissed employees shortly.

Peking, May 8.—The British Minister called on Dr. W. W. Yen this morning in connection with the liquidation of loans owing Great Britain by China. At the request of Sir Ronald, it is reported that Dr. Yen promised to present the question to the authorities, when a discussion of the liquidation of domestic and foreign loans as regard the use of the increased Customs revenues came up.

On May 13 a fire broke out in a shop in Kampong Djawa at Padang. The flames soon spread to the adjacent buildings and it was not long before the whole of the market was one sheet of flame. All houses and shops were a prey to the flames. Lack of water was the reason for the rapid spreading of the fire. No casualties are reported. More than 100 shops have been burnt down. The damage is estimated at roughly 200 to 300 thousand guilders of which only a small amount is covered by insurance.

Madrid, May 20.—Archbishop Ventura Martin Garcia, the last Spanish Archbishop of the Philippines, is seriously ill and physicians feel that his recovery is doubtful.

John R. Freeman, Jr., of the Bureau of Standards of the United States Government, arrived in Shanghai recently accompanied by Mrs. Freeman. Mr. Freeman is the son of J. R. Freeman, Sr., who was formerly connected with the Whangpoo Conservancy Board here.

Mr. J. Merle Davis, general secretary of the Institute of Pacific Relations, Honolulu, was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Pan-Pacific Association of Shanghai at the Union Club on Monday, May 17. Mr. S. U. Zau presided and in addition to the address by Mr. Davis there was a talk by Mr. L. T. Chen of Shanghai.

Washington, May 20.—Vice-Governor Gilmore called at the White House to-day for a final conference with the president before leaving Washington. He plans to sail for the Philippines on June 27. Subjects touched upon at their conference to-day included the auditor bill, educational and health questions.

Rev. Father Jose das Neves, Vice-General of Portuguese Timor, and Father Alberto Gonçalves, arrived in Malacca on May 11 en route to Portugal. Father Jose has laboured in Timor as a missionary for 28 years without a break and has held the office of vicar-general for the last 25 years. He is now going home on leave. The fathers left Malacca on May 14.

San Francisco, April 21.—Lu Yuching, 8 1/2 feet high, arrived here to-day from China. He is the tallest Chinese that ever came out of the Far East. A special bunk had to be arranged for him aboard the "Dollar" liner "President Lincoln." His weight is near 400 pounds. He is 38 years old and at one time was a member of the Japanese Guard at Peking. He expects to go into the movies.

Mr. Elias H. Strawn, the American Commissioner and Chairman of the Extraterritorial Commission, is remaining in Peking to finish up what can be done at this time in the work of the Customs Conference. He hopes to make the trip north with the other Commission members and to get away from Peking for the summer time. He used his wife and daughter to assist him in his work.

"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

USUAL SENSATION.

HOME AMATEUR GOLF COMPETITION.

BRITISH HOPES GOING?

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 26.

"Al Muirfield in the second round of the British amateur golf championships. Ross (Luffness New) by fifty yards, registered the first American victory in the morning, by 3 and 2. Bobby Jones, a beat Aymer (Ranbygh) by 6 and 4. When came the usual morning sensation, the boy champion, Peatie, defeating the ex-holder, Sir Ernest Hollender by two up. Amongst others, Horrocks (Pentrich) beat Nall-Cain (Tolly's conqueror) by 3 and 1. Harris, (the holder), beat Capt. Pearson (Royal and Ancient) by 6 and 5. In the afternoon play started off by Beck (Sunderidge Park) defeating Chick Evans by 3 and 1.

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Later.

With almost all the accredited leaders routed ingloriously, not only against the Americans, but obscure Britishers, the vanguard is now composed of the Irishman McCormack, the Hon. Michael Scott, the Oxford captain Cave, W. Murray, Beck, the holder Harris, and Noel Layton, which is not too inspiring when opposed to Swosten, Watts, Gunn, Bobby Jones and Gullford. Results in the third round were:—Grand Peacock (American) beat Lloyd (American) by 4 and 3. Sweetser beat Oimied by one hole. Watts Gunn beat John Wilson (Prestwick) by 4 and 3. Michael Scott beat Kyle by two holes. Gullford beat Angus Hambr by two holes. Dunn (Doncaster) beat Douglas Grant by one hole. Brower (American) beat Turner (New Zealand) by 2 and 1. Harris beat Forrester (Calcutta) by 4 and 2. Board (Home Park) beat Beath (boy champion) by one hole.

THE AUSTRALIANS.

FIRST DAY'S PLAY AGAINST "SOUTH."

ANOTHER COLLAPSE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Bristol, May 26.

First day of match, South of England v. the Australians. Weather fine, wicket good, 10,000 spectators. "South of England" won the toss and batted first. They were 100 runs for 5 wickets at tea. After the interval, they collapsed and were all out for 211. A. P. P. Chapman (Kent) made a century 80, including 2 sixes and 11 fours. Hendren (Middlesex) made a stupendous 62. J. M. Gregory took 3 wickets for 40 runs and C. G. Macartney 4 for 41. When stumps were drawn, the Australians were 36 runs for 1 wicket.

FIRST THREE.

TIENTSIN CHAMPIONS SWEEP.

The three winning tickets in the cash sweep on the Tientsin Champions (May 20) were:—1st No. 3,802 2nd 8,284 3rd 2,622 The race (1 1/2 miles) resulted:—General E. A. Sutro's Bengali. 1 Mr. J. M. D's Lyrie 2 Mr. S. Gilmore's, Moyno 3 Time, 2:35 2-5.

INTERPORT RIFLE MATCH.

The Hongkong shoot for the Interport Rifle Match between Hongkong, Shanghai, Singapore and Penang will take place, at the Taikoo Rifle Range next Sunday, (May 30). Those who wish to be included in the team to represent Hongkong are requested to attend a practice shoot at Taikoo on Saturday, afternoon, May 29, at 2.30 o'clock.

The best twelve scores registered at the practice shoot on Saturday will form the team to shoot off on Sunday. All the shots in the Colony are invited to attend the practice shoot on Saturday.

FINE SHOTS.

FALKNER'S EXHIBITION BILLIARDS.

Some very fine shots were executed by Mr. Claud Falkner, the British billiards professional at the Chinese Club last night, when he gave an exhibition in a match with Mr. Leung Kam-kong, an ex-champion of the Colony. The "house" was treated to many fancy strokes, especially when Falkner had run out winner, and was continuing with his unfinished break. Masse cannons, screw backs and other seemingly impossible shots all came off. Closing scores were: Falkner 800, Mr. Leung 110. Highest breaks: Falkner 110, 244, 91, 175; Mr. Leung 17. Falkner averaged just over 44, getting his points in 18 visits to the table. He took a little over an hour.

After the match, Falkner gave an exhibition bout of snooker pool, fancy shots, etc. To-morrow night, Falkner meets Mr. S. C. Kwok at the South China A.A. China Building. On Saturday, he plays Mr. A. J. Osmund (champion of the Colony) for the second time, at the Club Lusitano.

KING'S CUP ROWING.

Brisbane, May 8.

The annual rowing contest for the King's Cup, over a course of three miles, resulted as follows:—

Tasmania 1 South Australia 2 Victoria 3

Won by a length and a half. A length separated second and third. The holders, West Australia, were not represented.

The Shanghai Watch Committee has approved of a recommendation by the Commissioner of Police that in future the licence issued for permission to hold boxing contests should include a condition whereby all contestants shall be medically examined by a responsible medical officer, and a certificate of fitness handed to a Police officer, who will attend officially and who will be empowered to stop a contest when necessary.

OUR FIRE BRIGADE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

As regards the Chinese staff, the committee are of opinion that the present shortage of recruits is due almost entirely to the conditions of service and they are confident, that with the introduction of the "shift" system with its consequent increase of leave, the Chinese personnel can be raised to its proper number. This they consider to be 120 firemen, and they should be engaged as soon as accommodation is available. At present it is understood that only 100 men can be accommodated, and this number should be obtained at once. This increase will enable the shift system, already referred to, to be instituted. It should moreover be clearly understood that any firemen, loaned permanently to such buildings as hotels and theatres, should be recruited in addition to the above figures, which are regarded as the minimum required. These supernumeraries should be paid through the Fire Brigade office by the persons employing them. No particular recommendations are made as regards firemen's pay, but it is strongly considered that all engagements should be on a three years' agreement to avoid constant changes in personnel.

As regards the position of the chief officer of the Fire Brigade, it is considered that an officer should be engaged who would be able to take over complete administrative and technical control of the Brigade, and it is suggested that an ex-naval officer with fire fighting experience should, if possible, be appointed at a salary of £700 to £800. Until this can be arranged, the present conditions should continue, save that it should be clearly understood that at a fire the Superintendent must be in entire control of the fire-fighting. With regard to this latter officer's salary, no recommendations are made except that his increments should be fixed hereafter at £20 annually.

Equipment.

Generally the Committee are satisfied with the present equipment, but they consider that a fully qualified European mechanical engineer should be engaged to look after the valuable machinery and equipment of the fire brigade.

Hongkong and Kowloon should be regarded as entirely separate districts. It should however be kept in mind, if and when provision of a trans-harbour vehicular ferry is being considered, that in cases of urgency, it might be desirable to bring appliances from one side to the other.

The No. 2 fire float should at present be retained, but the possibility of acquiring a motor float in the place of this should be kept in view. The No. 1 tender in Hongkong and the No. 2 pump in Kowloon should be replaced at once, and two A.S. machines, with the usual first-aid and fire appliances, should forthwith be supplied for use on the Peak.

When the increase of station accommodation becomes an accomplished fact, it is considered absolutely necessary that each main station should house at least two appliances and each sub-station at least one.

The question of construction, which includes not only the erection of stations, but the provision and control of mains and the system of fire installations in private buildings, was considered by a technical sub-committee consisting of the Hon. Director of Public Works, the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, and Major Wynock. Their report is so detailed and informative that the Committee think it advisable to include it in full as Enclosure 1 to the general report, and recommend that it should be used as a basis for consideration when work of this description is actually taken in hand.

The following board principles, which clearly emerge, should, however, be stressed. The increase in the European personnel will only be effective if it provides an officer or officers with ample time, not only to inspect and test from time to time all "private" installations, but also to devote attention to the staffs thereof, (where they are in any measure permanent), in efficient operating. This officer should also be available for the inspection of the actual installation of fire fighting appliances.

In view of the fact that buildings erected previously to the passing of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance cannot at present legally be controlled in this respect, the utmost care should be taken to consider this question of private installations in all its bearings in connection

with any future Legislation. That is to say, the report of the "Construction" sub-committee and the report of the "Legislation" sub-committee, hereinafter given, should be read together for future guidance.

Generally the London County Council regulations should, as far as possible, be made to refer to all large new buildings in Hongkong and Kowloon, even to large Chinese Stores, where a considerable number of the staff sleep on the premises. It is not considered economically practicable, that they should be made to apply to Chinese tenement houses, but in these every effort should be made to encourage the erection of concrete staircases, rather than the present wooden ones which are a serious source of danger in case of fire.

All ship-building yards and oil installations should be required to have private fire-fighting systems, and the regulations existing for the construction of oil installations should be strictly carried out.

The immediate erection of a main station and headquarters in Kowloon at the junction of Prince Edward Road and Coronation Road is recommended. If this is not practicable, this site should be earmarked for the purpose. The erection of two sub-stations in Victoria is also recommended, one near the Lee Garden and one in the Western District, if possible near the Sailors' Home. A small sub-station near the Taikoo Dock at Shaukiwan is also recommended.

With regard to mains, the committee consider it vital that the installation of the new 15 inch mains should be pressed on with all speed, and that all mains of less than 6 inches diameter should be at once replaced by 6 inch mains. This will, in all probability, render unnecessary the large and costly scheme of salt water fire mains at present adumbrated, but attention is drawn to the more economical scheme suggested by Mr. Henderson, Public Works Department (see Enclosure I). The committee are however informed that the annual consumption of fresh water for fire purposes is less than one-third of a normal day's consumption. They also stress the vital importance of close co-operation between the fire brigade and the water works sub-department of the Public Works Department.

The question of wooden staircases in Chinese tenement houses is one which should be seriously considered. The sub-committee is informed that most of the lives lost at fires are to be attributed to collapses of wooden staircases. Attempts have been made to introduce concrete

Attention is drawn also to the desirability of the erection of further pedestal hydrants, and the installation of additional fire alarms. It is also recommended that the chief officer of the Fire Brigade should be in possession of daily information as to roads, and mains repair or unavailable.

Legislation.

5. The question of Legislation has been dealt with by a Sub-Committee consisting of the Hon. Sir Henry B. Pollock, K.C. and Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, LL.D. The necessity of the provision of legislation to compel the proper installation of the fire systems in private buildings of certain classes is stressed. Existing regulations also need tightening up and being made more precise. The sub-committee's report is very detailed, and is shown in full as Enclosure II.

Enclosure I.

Report of the sub-committee appointed to consider paragraphs 6, 7 and 11 of the report of the chief officer of the Fire Brigade dated March 30, 1926.

Inspection of Premises.

With regard to paragraph 6—Inspection of Premises—the Sub-Committee confines itself to advising on steps to be taken to ensure a more thorough and satisfactory inspection of all fire installations. Under section 149 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance must be provided on every storey, the floor of which is more than 40 feet above the level of the street, with such means of escape in cases of fire as the Building Authority may reasonably require, and any means of escape so provided must be maintained by the owner to the satisfaction of the Building Authority.

The requirements of this section are carried out. When building plans are received, if there are storeys more than 40 feet above the level of the street, the plans are referred to the chief officer of the Fire Brigade, who in addition to the fire escape requirements under section 149 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, advises on further precautions, if any, which—in view of the nature of the building and the use to which it is to be put—should be insisted on, such as rising mains, and, if necessary, force pumps, when the pressure would otherwise not be sufficient on the upper floors.

The sub-committee considers that, when officers are available, efforts should be made to instruct the staffs of large buildings in the use of the fire appliances in those buildings. The difficulty is that in most large business blocks there is no permanent staff. The buildings are rented as offices to a large number of firms, and staffs are continually being changed. In buildings such as banks and clubs where there are permanent staffs it has been found possible to give some kind of training in the use of fire appliances.

Outside connections for rising mains should be required where the chief officer of the Fire Brigade considers such connections necessary, so that the Fire Brigade engines may be available to increase the pressure of these mains. It is recommended that the London County Council Regulations should as far as possible be made to apply to all large new buildings in Hongkong and Kowloon. It is not proposed that they be applied to Chinese tenement houses, but large Chinese stores where a considerable number of the staff sleep on the premises should be made to comply with those regulations as far as they were applicable.

The conditions which are attached to all fire service installations are put up as Appendix "A" to this Report.

It is strongly recommended that a special officer be appointed to deal with the inspection of fire installations on new premises and the examination of existing installations.

It is recommended that all ship-building yards and oil installations should be required to have private fire services.

A reservoir formed by surrounding walls is at present required to be provided around each tank, but each tank in some of the installations is not at present separated from the other tanks by a wall. We recommend that this requirement be enforced in these cases. The oil companies have been asked to provide "Safem" and water sprinkler installations. The Police Department is refusing to give licences under the Dangerous Goods Ordinance until these installations are provided.

The London County Council Regulations governing fire precautions in cinemas are enforced in the Colony as far as possible. In many new Chinese houses, even of recent construction, only one wooden staircase is provided for two houses. This greatly increases the danger in case of fire. The question of wooden staircases in Chinese tenement houses is one which should be seriously considered. The sub-committee is informed that most of the lives lost at fires are to be attributed to collapses of wooden staircases. Attempts have been made to introduce concrete

staircases; there are some in new houses at Yau-nai and in the Taikoo Chinese quarters at Quarry Bay. The sub-committee recommends that the construction of concrete staircases be encouraged.

Sub-Stations.

The sub-committee recommends the immediate erection of a central station at the junction of Prince Edward Road and Coronation Road. This is a most central location for Shumshui, Mong Kok and Yau-nai, and if the station is not to be erected at present, this site should be reserved for this purpose. The erection of a sub-station at Hang Hom is also recommended. With reference to the proposed sub-stations on the Hongkong side, the sub-committee considers that a sub-station at East Point would for the present be more convenient than one at Bay View. The Chief Officer, Fire Brigade, agrees and it is recommended that two sub-stations be erected in Hongkong, one near the Lee Garden at East Point and one in the Western District, if possible somewhere near the Sailors' Home. A small station is also required at Shaukiwan, near the Taikoo Dock.

Mains.

In the case of large fires when additional pressure is required, the Brigade is entirely dependent on the turncocks of the Waterworks Department. There is a European officer of the Waterworks Department who is responsible for seeing that those turncocks carry out their duties efficiently, but he is not always available as he has other duties to perform. It is recommended that two officers be detailed for this work, so that they could arrange for one to be always available, and that the allowance for such work be considerably increased. Direct telephone communication should be provided from the Central Fire Station to the "overseers' quarters, both in Hongkong and Kowloon.

The sub-committee further recommends that, when the new Fire Brigade men arrive, they should receive instruction under the Waterworks sub-department so as to be able to assist in this work in case of emergency. In the meantime, a closer contact should be established between the Brigade and the Waterworks Sub-department, the details to be considered by officers of both branches.

The sub-committee would strongly urge on the Government the necessity for pressing on with the installation of the new 15" mains, and the replacing of all branch mains of less than 6" diameter by 6" pipes. This would obviate the necessity for a separate and very costly salt water supply for fire-fighting purposes. Incidentally, it should be mentioned that the annual consumption of water for fire purposes is less than one-third of a normal day's total consumption. When the new mains are completed there should be ample pressure, and the service of turncocks could be largely dispensed with.

With reference to the chief officer's recommendations for the installation of a special salt water main between the Central Market and the Naval Yard, in the event of the enlargement of the mains here referred to requiring further augmentation, the sub-committee recommends the consideration of a suggestion by Mr. Henderson that connections be fitted along the Praya Vall, at every alternate street, connecting with salt water mains to be laid as far as Queen's Road. The fire float could be used to pump salt water into these mains, and, if necessary, the pressure could be further increased by putting in the fire engine pumps at the delivery end.

The sub-committee recommends that in addition to the work on the new mains, the erection of further pedestal hydrants and the installation of additional Fire Alarms be expedited.

A revised list of Public Works Department officers of the Buildings Ordinance, waterworks, and electrical sub-departments, and the shoring contractors, with addresses and telephone numbers or nearest telephones is forwarded quarterly to the Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police for notification to all Police Stations, to be used in any case of emergency. It is recommended that two copies of this list be supplied quarterly to the Superintendent, Fire Brigade, for Hongkong and Kowloon. The sub-committee further recommends that the chief officer and Superintendent of the Fire Brigade be furnished daily with a list of roads under repair, or in which trenches are open, and a list of water mains which are being re-laid, or are temporarily out of action.

Appendix "A" is Enclosure I.

Conditions attached to Fire Service Installations. Any valves enabling water to be drawn from the fire service to be used by the Water Authority. Any such seal to be broken only in case of an outbreak of fire within the

The breaking of any such seal to be immediately reported to the Water Works Department.

Any future alterations required in the fire service to be made by the Waterworks Department, and any accessories which the Water Authority may consider necessary to be provided. The entire cost of such alterations and accessories to be defrayed by you and to be paid into the Treasury on demand.

The cost of any repairs which may from time to time in the opinion of the Water Authority, be necessary to maintain the service, etc., in an efficient condition to be similarly defrayed by you.

The sum of \$..... per annum to be paid in advance into the Treasury in respect of permission to retain the service.

The service to be subject to disconnection from the mains in the event of your..... not complying with any one of the foregoing conditions or causing to occupy the building. No refund or compensation to be paid in the event of the service being disconnected.

Enclosure II.

Report of the sub-committee of Legislation.

We have had specially referred to us paragraph 16 of the minutes of the chief officer, Fire Brigade. As regards the first point which he raises, namely the amendment of section 4 (1) of Ordinance 20 of 1923, we concur generally that legislation should be made sufficiently strict to ensure the adequate maintenance of discipline.

As regards the further legislation suggested by the chief officer, Fire Brigade, we quite agree that the owners of high buildings, five storeys and over, owe a duty not only to themselves, but also to the owners of adjacent buildings in regard to the provision of adequate fire-fighting apparatus.

We agree also that measures regarding fire-escapes, auxiliary pumps, general fire service, and outside connections (to enable Fire Brigade appliances to increase the pressure in the fire-mains in a building by attaching the motor-pumps to the connections outside the building) should be made compulsory by legislation, and that such legislation should be made applicable, as far as practicable, to old as well as to new buildings. The provision of adequate systems of fire-alarms also seems to require attention.

Whilst dealing with the subject of legislation relating to fires, we have deemed it advisable to go through Mr. Dyer Ball's new edition of the Regulations of Hongkong, for the purpose of seeing whether we would detect any deficiencies in the existing regulations; the following comments occur to us:—

(1) It is useless to require hoses, etc., to be supplied unless they are inspected and tested at regular intervals by some competent officer of the Fire Brigade to show, for instance, not merely that such hoses are apparently in good order, but also that they are strong enough to bear water being forced through them at a high pressure in order to get to the top of a high building.

(2) We understand that, in fact, certain fire-fighting appliances have been installed in certain buildings with the approval of the authorities, and sealed up. Unless the seals are at specified intervals broken, subject to the approval of the chief officer, Fire Brigade, and the apparatus subjected to full testing to the satisfaction of the chief officer, or his deputy, just as if there were an actual fire in the building, it may be found that when a fire occurs such apparatus is defective, with disastrous results, not only to the building in question, but also to the adjacent buildings. We therefore suggest that legislation to cover (1) and (2) might be conveniently inserted in the Fire Brigade Ordinance, 1923.

(3) It has occurred to us that legislation may be desirable to deal with risks of fires in restaurants or in chemists' stores.

(4) Another point which seems to be worth inquiring into is in connection with oil-tanks, namely, whether the Regulations (in Part VII, at pages 50 to 56 of Mr. Dyer Ball's Edition) are sufficient in all respects. In this connection the following comments occur to us:—

(i) Regulation 5 reads as follows:— "An efficient fire service, to the satisfaction of the chief officer of the Fire Brigade shall be provided in each installation, and the employees shall be instructed periodically in the use of the various appliances." What is meant by "periodically"? And by whom are such employees to be instructed? Ought not such instructions to be given by such an officer as is referred to in Regulation 11?

(ii) Regulation 6 reads as follows:— "An adequate supply of sand or dry earth shall always be kept ready for immediate use in an installation or storage shed for the purpose of extinguishing fire."

What is meant by "adequate", and who is to judge of the adequacy, and at what intervals of time? Are there not other fire-extinguishing substances, such as "Foamite", which ought to be taken into consideration?

(iii) In Regulation 11, ought not "other of them" to be substituted for "them"?

(iv) Regulation 18 reads as follows:— "Each tank or group of tanks shall be surrounded by a wall or embankment of substantial construction, or shall be partially sunk in an excavation."

Are the words "substantial construction" precise enough, and who is to be the judge of such substantiality?

Are the words "partially sunk" sufficiently precise, e.g., would a sinking of 6 inches be considered sufficient? Such a sinking would seem to comply with the strict letter of the law.

It is suggested that some words be added to Regulation 13 to ensure that the above matters be carried out subject to the satisfaction of some Government Authority.

(v) The Mixed Explosives Regulation (see Dyer Ball at pages 71 to 75) also seems to invite some comment:—

(a) In the first place there seems to be no definition of "mixed explosives" either in Ordinance 1 of 1873 or in these Regulations.

(b) Regulation 19 reads as follows:—

"Explosives liable to deterioration shall be periodically inspected, and any damaged material shall be at once removed from the store, and destroyed by some safe and suitable method."

What is meant by explosives "liable to deterioration"? What is meant by "periodically"? Who is to inspect? Who is to remove? Who is to destroy?

(c) Regulation 20 begins as follows:—

"The Licenses must note that lighting fires or smoking near the store is prohibited." The above words "must note" obviously require amendment, and the word "near" seems too vague.

The Shanghai Municipal Council Regulations contains valuable suggestions. For instance, Regulation 19 (on page 14) contains a precedent which could easily be adapted for the purpose of the legislation suggested in paragraph III, supra. Also it includes a provision for the putting of a storage tank on buildings exceeding 75 feet in height.

Another point occurs to us, namely, that legislation appears to be required in regard to the careless storing in offices or domestic tenements of cinema-films seeing that such films are of a highly inflammable nature, as is proved by 41 (2) of the Places of Public Entertainment Regulations (see Dyer Ball at page 778) which provides that when cinematograph displays are being given, "the films shall be rolled up metal spools, and shall be kept in metal cases, and where the light used for projecting the pictures on the screen is other than electric-light, such light shall be ignited with an electric ignition." Generally, we suggest, that legislation be passed to give the Governor in Council power to make Regulations in regard to the prevention of, escape from and extinction of, fires.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

List of passengers arrived by the s.s. "President Madison" from Manila on May 27—

For Hongkong: Mr. Franklin Baker, Miss R. M. Baker, Miss Alice B. Hammond, Mr. R. M. Johnson, Mr. A. Lim Alam-sek, Mr. L. E. O'Neil, Mr. Jose Perez and Mr. A. L. Thompson.

For Shanghai: Lieut. R. W. Christie, Mr. Lay Yan-chee, Miss May Sun-hong, Mr. N. Mck. Heath, Miss Tong Chun-ying, Miss Tong Cheong-chit, Mrs. Wong Shee and Miss Wong Ting-yum.

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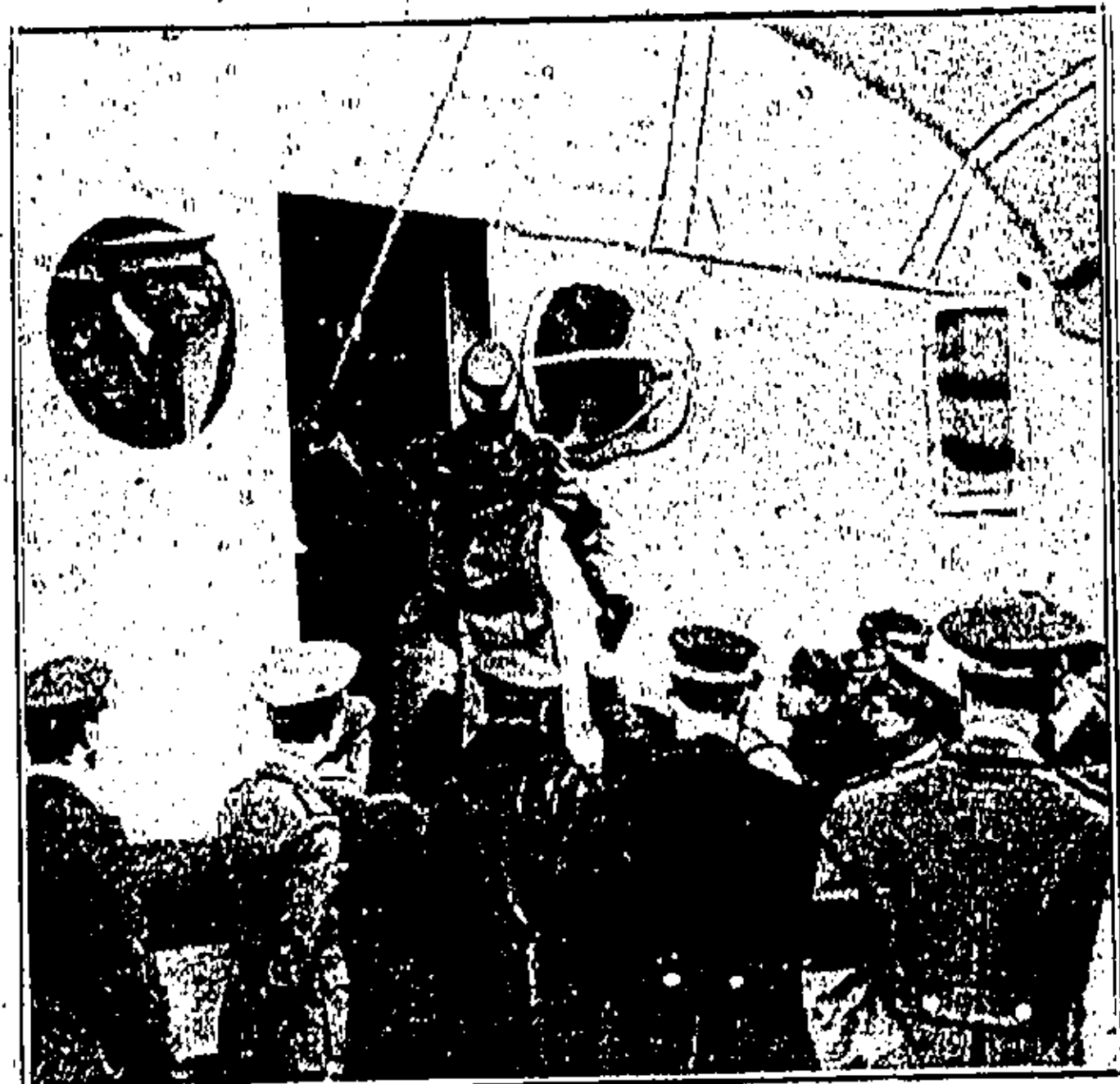
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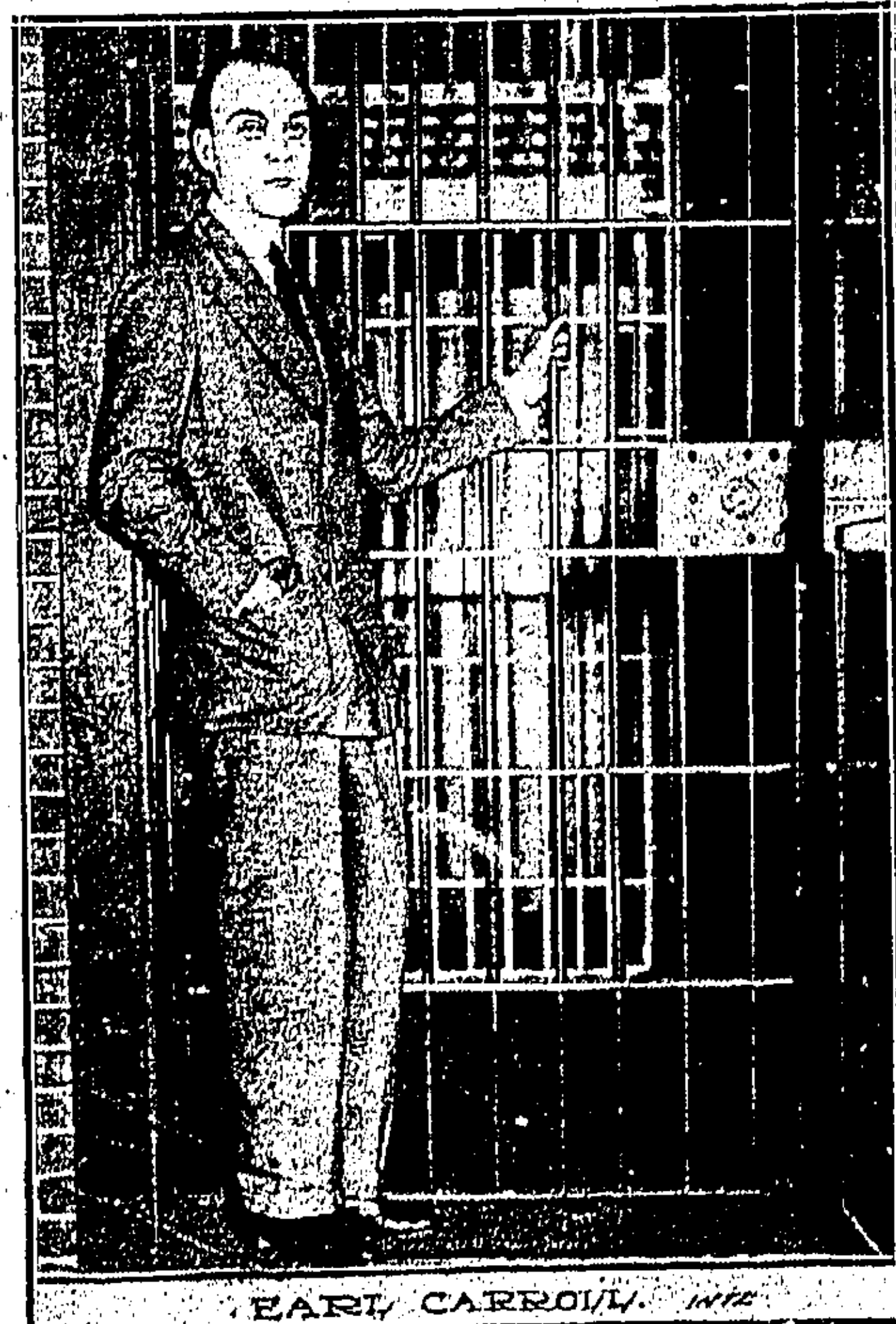
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Police are shown removing one of the five workmen, crushed to death when a gigantic rock fell 30 feet on a blasting crew busy preparing for the foundations of a 65-storey church and office building in New York. Fragments of rock may be seen in the background.



King Victor Emmanuel III of Italy is shown examining the Italian dirigible in which Rudi Amundsen flew recently to the North Pole again.



EARL CARROLL, actor

Earl Carroll, the New York theatrical producer, who is known as one of the best Press agents in the world, posed like this recently to show he was not afraid to go to jail for a principle. Now the picture just fits in with the fact that he was indicted for perjury in connection with the "wine" bath taken by Joyce Hawley, actress, at his birthday party.



STELLA LUBIN

The death of Miss Stella Lubin, 17 years, of New York, from natural causes shortly after she attended a party with Mr. Edward W. Browning, the "Cinderella Man," and his newest companion, Miss Frances Hauman, (15 years), celebrating the birthday of the singer, Beniamino Gigli, is the latest touch of misfortune to follow Browning's path as a benefactor of young girls.



MARY LOUISE SPAS

The attorney for Miss Mary Louise Spas, who was the second "Cinderella Girl" to be showered with the wealth of Mr. Edward W. Browning, millionaire, but whose adoption was called off when it was learned she was 21 years old, has announced that she intends to bring "some sort of a suit against Browning."



Fearing incarceration in an asylum, the Rev. A. K. Nikolov, of the Orthodox Greek Catholic Church, fatally shot his wife and son, and then turned the weapon on himself, committing suicide.



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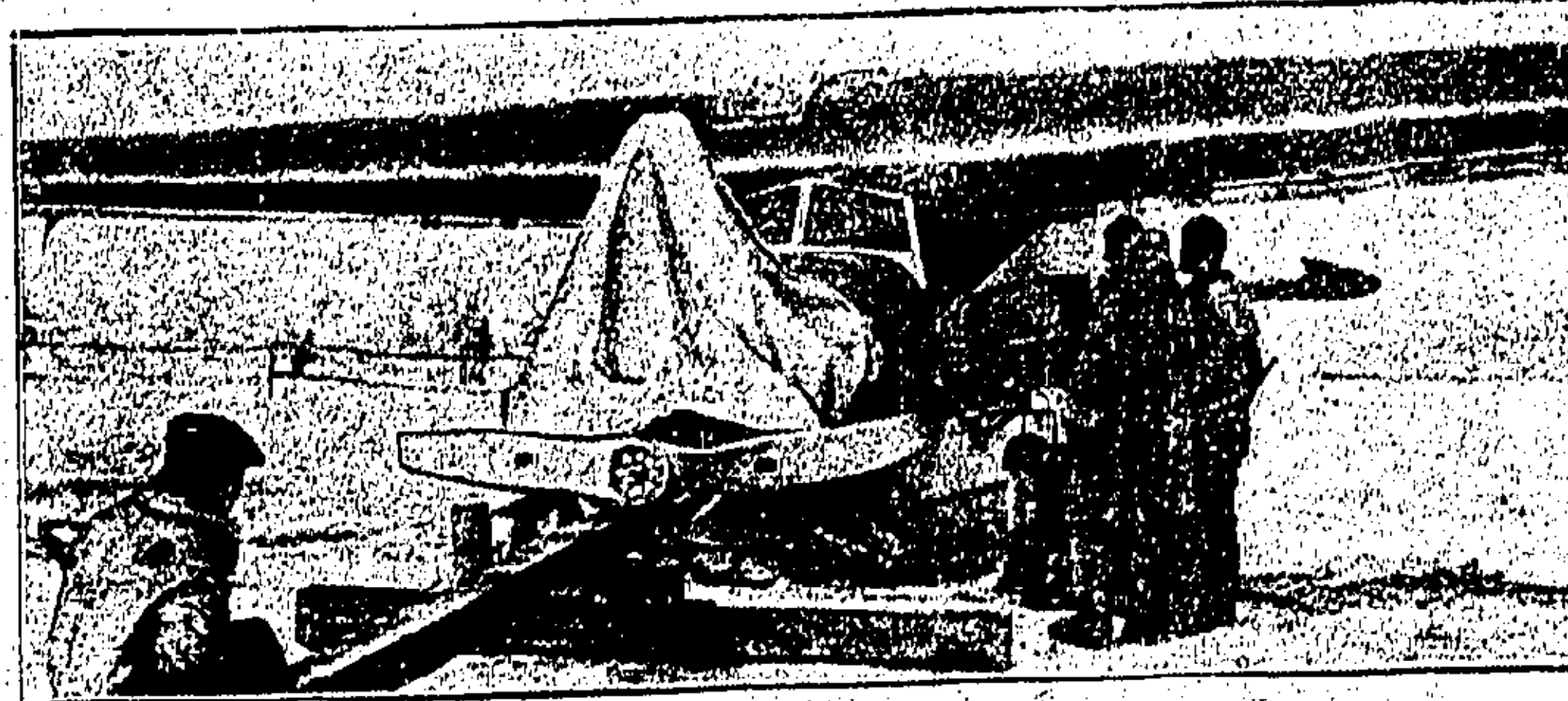


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LADY MAY CAMBRIDGE

Mr. E. M. Statler, hotel magnate, was sued for \$700,000 for the deaths of members of the crew of his yacht, "Miramar," which sank in the Atlantic. Mr. Benjamin M. Day, who has been appointed as Immigration Commissioner at Ellis Island. Senator James W. Wadsworth, Jan., of New York, was behind the recent move for a prohibition referendum in New York State. Lady May Cambridge, of England, was reported engaged to Prince Olaf of Norway.



This is the first picture to reach the United States showing how the huge Fokker planes, to be used by the Wilkins-Detroit Expedition in flight toward the North Pole, smashed up when an attempt was made to take off in the snow. Repairs were necessary on this one and two others.

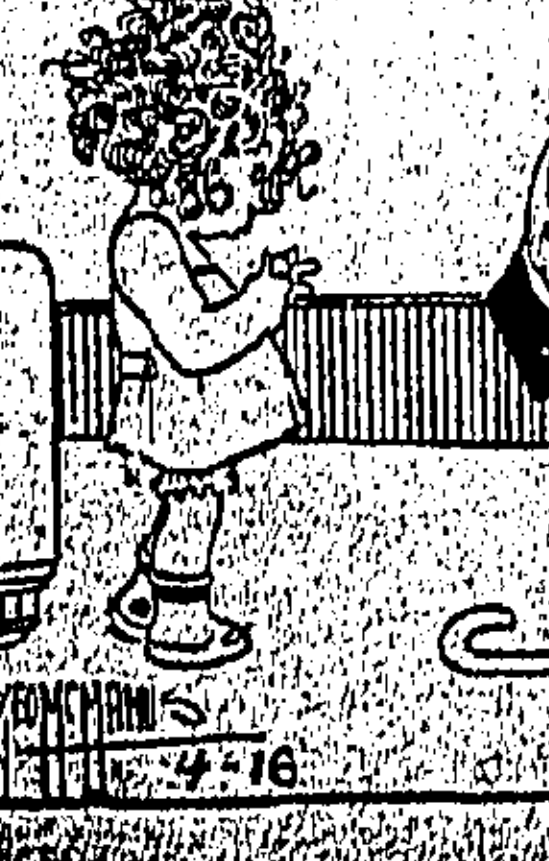
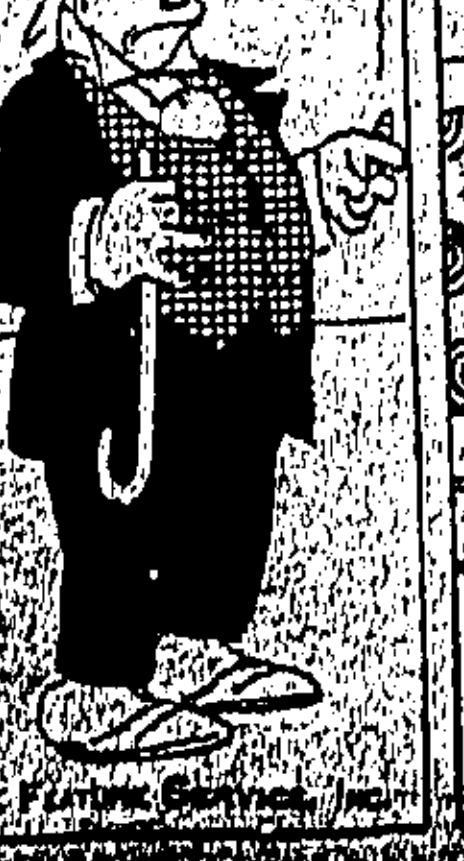
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